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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Cyprus · Proposals

WITHOUT even troubling to give the Radcliffe proposals for constitutional reform in Cyprus serious study, the Greek government has dismissed them as unacceptable; The Ethnarchy has done likewise. Neither, it would seem, wishes to see an evolutionary progress towards self-determination by the people of Cyprus; reject out of hand the merits, let alone the desirability of first attaining local self-government.

The Radcliffe report does not pretend to be the last word on the subject of a constitution for Cyprus. But it is designed to provide a basis for negotiations. It envisages a logical progression firstly towards full self-government and in due course, should the island's population so desire, self-determination. They are proposals eminently lending themselves to suitable adjustments, both now and in the future.

Their rejection by the Greek government and the Ethnarchy is not really based on the alleged inadequacy of the proposed measures for self-government, but on the fact that no provision is made for satisfying the demand for union with Greece—a demand that bears no legitimate relation to the constitutional aspirations of the island's inhabitants.

The realisation of Enosis would deprive the people of Cyprus what is generally conceded to be their right—control of their own affairs. Enosis can only mean the transfer of colonial rule from Britain to Greece. And Greece has no legitimate claim to the territory.

The British government cannot, in the interests of the Cyprus minorities, concede at this time the claims of Enosis, and for as long as they are pressed, there can be little progress towards constitutional reform for the island. Like other colonies, it is necessary for Cyprus to proceed logically towards political independence. The people have lessons to learn in the art of self-government and these are best taught through hard, practical experience and under the guidance of experienced administrators.

Cyprus is being offered a fine chance of achieving that aspiration. It would be folly if it were thrown away through insisting at this time on something which cannot be granted.

Syria Seeks Talks On Pipeline Repair

BRITONS AGREE TO CLEAR SUEZ

London, Dec. 20.

New steps were taken today to get the Middle East back to normal. In Port Said, it was officially announced that all crews of the British salvage fleet had agreed to remain there for Suez Canal clearance work after the Allied withdrawal.

And a Damascus report said Syria sent a cable to the Iraq Petroleum Company in London inviting a representative to discuss repairing pipelines blown up after Britain and France attacked Egypt.

In Port Said Vice-Admiral L. F. Durnford-Slater, Allied Naval Task Force Commander, announced today that all crews of the British salvage fleet numbering 1,100 men, including 450 Royal Naval personnel, had said they were prepared to work under the protection of the United Nations Emergency Force to clear the Canal.

OUT OF RANGE

Admiral Durnford-Slater said the salvage fleet of 10 British ships would pull into one side of the outer harbour for the first few days after the Allied withdrawal so they would be out of range of rifle fire from the shore.

Some members of the civilian crews, mostly Maltese, were unwilling to remain behind but the Admiral said his call for volunteers from the Royal Navy had been answered by hundreds of men who formally would have been leaving.

Two giant German lifting ships, the Energie and the Ausdauer, would leave the northern end of the Canal where they have been working and move south in the Canal to the cease-fire line at El Cap.

The German crews had asked to leave the Port Said area because they felt there might be trouble for the first few days after the withdrawal.

The German ships were under charter to the Admiralty, but have been released to the United Nations.

Lieutenant-General Raymond Wheeler, the United Nations salvage supervisor, had agreed that the Germans should go to El Cap and start clearance work southwards from there.

Admiral Durnford-Slater said civilian crews had asked for danger money, which would double their salaries, and this was under negotiation. There would be no danger money for the Royal Navy personnel.

The salvage fleet will fly the United Nations flag and all crews will wear civilian clothes, ordered some weeks ago when negotiations began on turning the ships over to the U.N.

The tank landing ship, Striker, would remain at Port Said—with its gun dismounted—to serve as a headquarters ship for the fleet.

In addition there would be one food supply ship, one oiler, two water ships and a tug in the supply force.

SYRIA'S MOVE

A Damascus report said Syria today took the first steps towards repairing its shattered oil pipelines.

A cable was sent to the Iraq Petroleum Company's London headquarters inviting a company representative to Damascus to discuss repairing the three damaged pipelines.

The cable followed a conference between the Public Works Minister Majdeddin Jabri, Minister of National Economy Khalil Kall and the IPC Manager for Syria Suleiman Mudarres.

Syria has promised to help finance reconstruction of three pump stations and pipelines put out of action by bomb attacks. But the urgent need here is for oil to run the Syrian economy.

IPC authorities have not been to inspect the damage to the pipelines, but it was believed three months at least would be necessary to get oil flowing.

Syria which has refused to allow oil to flow until Anglo-French troops are withdrawn from Egyptian territory, was facing exhaustion of her refined petroleum supplies.

SOVIET HELP?

Iraq is losing approximately $15 million a month in oil royalties because of the stoppage.

Observers believe that Syria may buy Soviet oil and hire Soviet tankers to supply its needs.

Oil negotiations between the American-owned tapline and Lebanese representatives will not be resumed before tapline and Saudi Arabian representatives reach agreement, reports from Beirut said.

The Tapline President, Mr John Noble is expected to arrive in Beirut this weekend from New York, a Company spokesman said.—Reuter and United Press.

SMOG FEAR: DOCTORS STAND BY

London, Dec. 20.

Doctors stood by in London hospitals today for fear a "killer smog" was in the making.

Barts Hospital ordered doctors on an alert and held beds available for heart and respiratory cases.

The last "killer smog" was considered responsible for the deaths of about 3,000 people, mostly from bronchitis, heart disease and pneumonia, in the London area in the five days ending Dec. 31, 1952.

The meteorological office said the fog, now in its second day, seemed certain to last at least another 24 hours. It described it as a "water fog" caused by condensation of moisture in the air through a sharp drop in evening temperature. Smoke and traffic pollution was being caught in the condensation giving the fog in the areas most affected an acrid, throat-burning quality and threatening to turn it into smog.—

Fifty ships were fogbound in the Thames, all London's international airports were closed to traffic and airliners flying in from the Middle and Far East were being diverted.

Trains also were slowed down.—United Press.

22 HURT IN JO'BURG DEMONSTRATIONS: POLICE OPEN FIRE

Johannesburg, Dec. 20.

Four Europeans and 18 Africans were taken to hospital after police opened fire and made baton charges today against demonstrators outside Johannesburg drill hall, where mass treason hearings were taking place.

Two of the Europeans injured were police. One European was shot in the mouth, but none of the injured was in serious condition, it was stated. One of the Africans treated in hospital was a woman said to be an expectant mother.

The preliminary proceedings in the treason case against 152 people was adjourned till tomorrow.

Streets at the front and back of the drill hall will be cordoned off by 200 European and many non-European police tomorrow to prevent crowds from approaching the improvised court house.

Mr Charles Swart, Minister of Justice, said in Pretoria the police had orders to act "severely" against Johannesburg demonstrators, whose behaviour, he said, "may even result in contempt of court and attempts at intimidation."

Police guarding the drill hall here today were issued with sten guns when the trouble began. A senior police officer took the names of the policemen who fired the shots.

BIG OUTCRY

The first baton charge was made by 100 Police against the crowd, who booed and became restive when Police confiscated the cameras of an African photographer. An Indian tried to pacify the crowd and urged them to go home and "not do anything that will bring shame to our people."

One report said that the crowd objected to the fact, that only a small number of them were admitted to the courtroom.

When the shooting started there was a tremendous outcry from both prisoners and members of the public in court, where the examination was proceeding.

As soon as order was restored in court the Magistrate, Mr F. C. A. Wessel, adjourned the court without specifying for how long.

Colonel Grobler, Police Chief, said a crowd of about 5,000 made such an uproar outside the drill hall that court proceedings were interrupted.

After the baton charge, the crowd withdrew to a parking lot where they started to hurl bricks and other missiles at the Police, two of whom were knocked down.

The shooting caused the second adjournment of the day's proceedings.

Soon after the hearing began this morning there was a short adjournment after Counsel for the defence had threatened to withdraw unless a wire cage surrounding those in custody was modified.

After agreement was reached on alteration of the cage the hearing resumed.

All people of all races appearing at the inquiry were granted bail by Mr Justice Downing in Witwatersrand division of the Supreme Court this afternoon—101 Africans, 23 Europeans, 20 Indians and eight of mixed races.

MP CAN SPEAK

The Judge granted bail conditionally—the main conditions being that treason suspects should not attend public gatherings and should report once weekly to the Police.

The Rev. Douglas Thompson, Methodist minister and Chairman of the Peace Council, one of the suspects, will be permitted to preach sermons provided he submits them to the Police beforehand.

The attorneys and advocates also appearing in court will be permitted to continue to practise even where this involves addressing a court or tribunal.

The judge said that in the case of Mr L. Lee-Warden, South African Member of Parliament, the court order would not purport to restrict in any way his right to appear at and address Parliament.—Reuter.

Five Cypriots Offered Meeting With Makarios

Nicosia, Dec. 20.

The Governor, Sir John Harding said today he was willing to allow a party of Cypriot Greek leaders to visit exiled Archbishop Makarios and discuss with him Britain's new plan for a settlement of the Cyprus dispute.

Sir John Harding announced the mayors of Nicosia, Limassol and Famagusta, together with two other Cypriot leaders, could visit Makarios at his exile in the Seychelles islands.

The visit would be for the purpose of discussing the so-called "Radcliffe Constitution" announced by Britain yesterday as its latest step in an effort to settle the conflict over home rule.

Sir John said he was willing to let the three mayors, together with Sir Paul Pavlides and John Clerides, both former Cypriot-Greek members of the Cyprus Executive Council, travel at Government expense.—United Press.

BRITISH MOVE ON H-TESTS

London, Dec. 20.

The Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, announced today that the Government was working on a plan for limiting nuclear tests, which would be ready in a few weeks' time.

Speaking in the House of Commons, he said the government move was in line with the promise he had made in the Commons that Britain would take the initiative in this field.

Sir Anthony said there was no question of Britain postponing unilaterally the proposed experimental explosion of her H-bomb. He said he was not aware of any decision by the United States President to halt American nuclear tests.

Britain and the United States, he said, were at present exchanging views on the limitation of nuclear tests within the general framework of disarmament.—Franco-Presse.

IRA Bomb Attack

Belfast, Dec. 20.

Anti-British raiders bombed a police hut near the Irish Republic border early today.

The attack was one of a series of recent raids staged by the outlawed Irish Republican Army in their fight to wrest Northern Ireland from British control.

It came a few hours after Minister of Home Affairs W.W.B. Topping visited the border police post to examine security precautions.

Police said the bomb caused only minor damage to the unoccupied hut.—United Press.

BRITISH EVACUATION ALMOST COMPLETED

Paris, Dec. 20.

British forces, after the official hand-over ceremonies today, are now occupying only the entrance to the Suez Canal and the quays which are being used for the embarkation of the last remaining units.

Under the cover of aircraft, flying low over Port Said, the Royal Air Force completed the evacuation of the El Gamil airbase.

This first position occupied during the Anglo-French landings, was handed over to Danish members of the United Nations Emergency Force.

At the same time, the British Commander, General Sir Hugh Stockwell, officially handed over to the United Nations Commander in Port Said, Sweden's Colonel Carl Engholm, the civil administration of the port.

The Allied headquarters handed to the U.N. the offices of the old Suez Canal Company which it had occupied from the first days of the landings.

Egyptian police have taken over the responsibility for law and order in the Arab part of the town, from which the sound of firing could be heard intermittently during the day.

Statue Threatened

Units of the Egyptian army were massing along the Canal banks south of El Kantara, preparing to make their re-entry into Port Said, after the final departure of the Allied force.

It was learned in Port Said that a number of demonstrations had been planned to mark the re-entry, including the destruction of the statue of Ferdinand De Lesseps, French pioneer of the Canal, which stands on a pier at the entry to the Canal.—France-Presse.

In Your Saturday Mail

Here are some of the topline features you'll find in tomorrow's big week-end edition of the China Mail:

★ *Chapman Pincher reports new medical discoveries and says: "If you want to live, get up and go."*

★ *Chinese opera, brandy, octopus and opium make up an Island Christmas, by James Wickenden.*

★ *The U.S. on the push-button-car standard for Christmas, by Don Iddon.*

★ *Mr Hollywood walks the plank — and lands on a pile of dollars, by Alan Brien.*

There are all your regular favourites as well including Jane Roberts' reviews of the Christmas season films, three pages of local and overseas pictures, comic strips, puzzles, cartoons and another Giles — all in the Saturday Mail.

MALAYA'S PROMISE TO UK

London, Dec. 20.

Tunku Abdul Rahman, the Malayan Federation's Chief Minister, said today that his country, which will become independent in August next, had irrevocably chosen to remain within the Commonwealth.

He was addressing the first meeting of Anglo-Malayan negotiations here on defence and finance questions.

Well informed sources said that the Tunku told the private meeting that the independent Malaya which would emerge in a few months time would have to choose between an association with the Communist bloc or the great family of the British Commonwealth.

For Malaya, the Tunku continued, with an active Communist enemy in its midst, there could be no neutrality. Malaya had made her choice. That choice was with the Commonwealth—and it was irrevocable.

Today's 90-minute meeting was mainly concerned with a proposed mutual defence and assistance treaty expected to come into force when the Federation becomes an independent Commonwealth nation. —Reuter.

More Security Council Seats? Russia Says No

New York, Dec. 20.

France today supported a move to enlarge the United Nations Security Council but the Soviet Union opposed it.

The Soviet delegate told the United Nations General Assembly he would vote against the Latin American resolution, providing for two additional non-permanent Council seats.

He said the Soviet Union would refuse to ratify the United Nations charter amendment required for increasing the size of the Security Council as long as Communist China was not admitted to the United Nations and given the permanent Security Council seat now occupied by Nationalist China.

POSTPONED

The Soviet delegate supported an Arab-Asian resolution calling for the postponement of the question of enlarging the Council.

The Latin American resolution calls for increasing the non-permanent Council membership from six to eight and for alloting the eight seats as follows:

Two for Western and Southern Europe, two for Asia and Africa, two for Latin America, one for East Europe and one for the British Commonwealth.—France-Presse.

THEY ASK IKE TO HOLD PEACE TALKS

Washington, Dec. 20.

Three Democratic Congressmen today urged President Eisenhower to invite President Nasser of Egypt and the Premier of Israel, Mr David Ben-Gurion, to confer together with Mr Eisenhower in Washington.

Representatives Charles Buckley, Isodore Dollinger and John Healey, all from New York City, telegraphed to Mr Eisenhower:

"You have a splendid opportunity now to further the cause of peace and we trust you will not let that opportunity go by.

"There can be no real peace in the world until Egypt and Israel settle their differences . . . ."—Reuter.

GROUND CREW STRIKE THREAT IN MALAYA

Singapore, Dec. 20.

The 600-strong Malayan Airways local employees union today told the management to meet a million Malayan dollars bonus claim within 48 hours or the workers would go on strike.

Union officials who announced the ultimatum today said a number of international airlines would be affected by the strike if it were put into effect as Malayan Airways handled their planes.

They were Air India International, Pan-American Airlines, British Overseas Airways Corporation and Thai Airways.

At a union meeting today, the members gave the executive a mandate to call a strike at any moment, the officials said.—Reuter.

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OIL INDUSTRY REVOLUTION

Western Nations Plan To Avoid Stand Over Tactics

London, Dec. 20.

The Middle East policy of Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser has touched off a revolution in the world oil industry, the cost of which will very likely be borne by Egypt and the other Middle East countries, economic circles in London said today.

These circles said that, whatever the future status of the Suez Canal, oil supply lines were going to be drastically changed.

In the first place new pipelines were being considered which would by-pass the Suez, bringing oil to the Mediterranean from Iraq through Israel and Turkey.

Super-Tankers

Secondly present-day tankers were being replaced by modern super-tankers of more than 46,000 tons which would be forced to take the Cape route even if the Suez Canal were completely cleared.

As regards the first point it is announced that an international conference, with the participation of the major petroleum groups, will open shortly to examine problems related to the construction of a pipe-line linking Iraqi wells to the Mediterranean through Turkey.

As far as the super-tankers are concerned a reliable source said that Britain is ready to contribute towards the construction of giant tankers and international talks on this question between all the large oil companies and the governments concerned, are expected.

Petroleum companies, according to London economic circles, were also preparing to invest millions of pounds to boost oil sources in regions from which transport will not be dependent on the Suez: Central and Western Africa, and Latin America for example.

Such a policy, said the same circles, would prevent Egypt using the Suez Canal as a weapon of political discrimination or boosting up canal tolls to an exorbitant level.—France-Presse.

KIMONOS AT UN

United Nations, Dec. 20.

Japan brought into the United Nations a welcome dash of colour—the gay kimono.

Japanese women in kimonos had been seen at UN headquarters previously, of course, but not in such numbers as this week when Japan was elected to membership.

Japanese Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu's pretty daughter, Hanako, led the style parade of Japanese women. She was present on Tuesday when Japan was admitted to the organisation and again last night when her father gave a diplomatic reception.

A vast majority of delegates commented on the beauty of the colourful kimonos and their wearers.

"It's a most welcome sight," said one Western delegate, summing up the feeling of almost everyone.—United Press.

72 REBELS KILLED

Constantine, Dec. 20.

Seventy-two Algerian terrorists were killed in three main clashes in the Constantine area yesterday. One French infantry officer, a rifleman and a local defence fighter were also killed, it was reported here tonight.

In the main clash in the El Mezera region, 42 rebels were killed and three captured.

In Southwest Zarrouziz, rebel forces were said to have been "decimated." Another 21 rebels were killed near Bordji Rdir.

Meanwhile, 2,200 persons were held for a police check tonight in the Constantine region and 10 persons were detained as suspects. — France-Presse.

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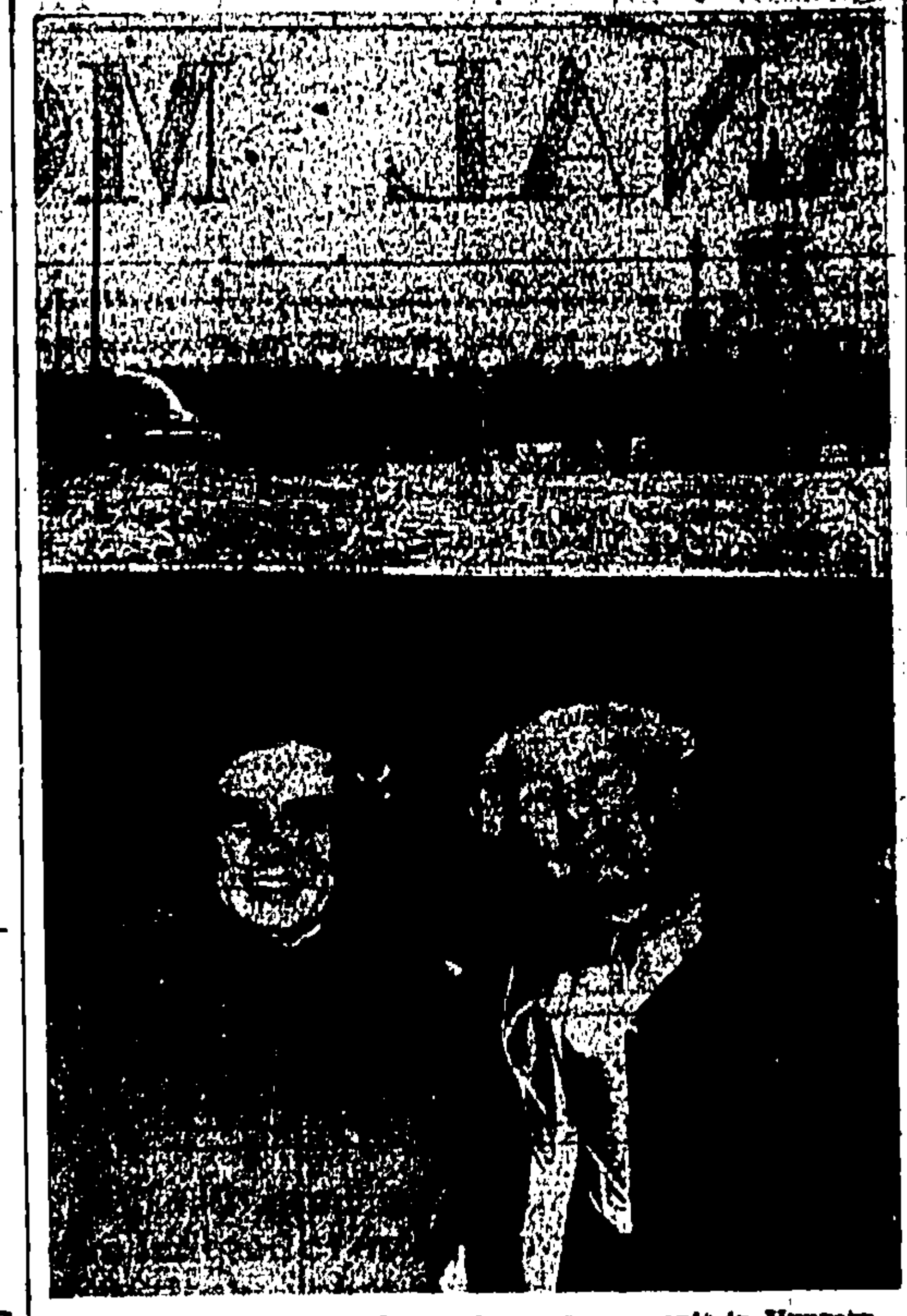
A-Bomb Victim

Hiroshima, Dec. 20.

A 63-year-old Japanese woman died today in what physicians claimed was the 23rd fatality this year in Hiroshima from effects of the atom bomb dropped here on August 6, 1945.

The victim was Mrs Kazuno Mitsushiro, who entered the Hiroshima Railway Hospital on December 1.—United Press.

HUNGARY: THE WORLD OBSERVES



The eyes of the world are focussed on events in Hungary as the problem represented by the Hungarian people's struggle for freedom becomes daily more urgent. Picture top shows a scene in Black Horse Square, Lisbon, where a two minutes' silence was recently observed in memory of the dead Hungarians; picture bottom shows the arrival in London Airport last Wednesday of Anna Kethly, only Hungarian Minister to escape from Hungary. Miss Kethly, after spending two days in London, is to travel to New York. —Express Photo.

Mollet's Foreign Policy Approved

Paris, Dec. 20.

The French National Assembly today approved the foreign policy of Premier Guy Mollet by a vote of 325 to 210, with 36 abstentions.

The vote, which was taken after two days of debate, was on a resolution presented by Mollet's Socialist Party.

The resolution asked the Government to continue its policy towards "a general settlement for peace in the Middle East and the setting up of a system for the international administration of the Suez Canal, or any other system giving the same guarantees to all users.

"Strengthening of the United Nations Organisation, which would allow this organisation to obtain an affective respect for its decisions.

Equality

"Strengthening of the Atlantic alliance, based on equality of rights and obligations among all the member countries.

"The swift conclusion of pending treaties on European integration, with the participation, or a wide association, of the greatest possible number of European countries."

Mollet's Socialist Party voted in full strength for the resolution and were supported by most of the rightwing "independents", the MRP mainly Catholic centre party, the left-centre UDSR, former Gaullist Social Republicans and many of the split Radical-Socialist Party.

Other Radical-Socialists voted against, including former Premier and former member of the Mollet government, Pierre Mendes-France, who heads the Radical Republican and Radical Socialist Party group.

The Communists voted against en bloc, along with the "Poujadist" extreme right group and overseas independents.

A number of right-wingers from various groups abstained. —France-Presse.

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PORT SAID CASUALTY INQUIRY

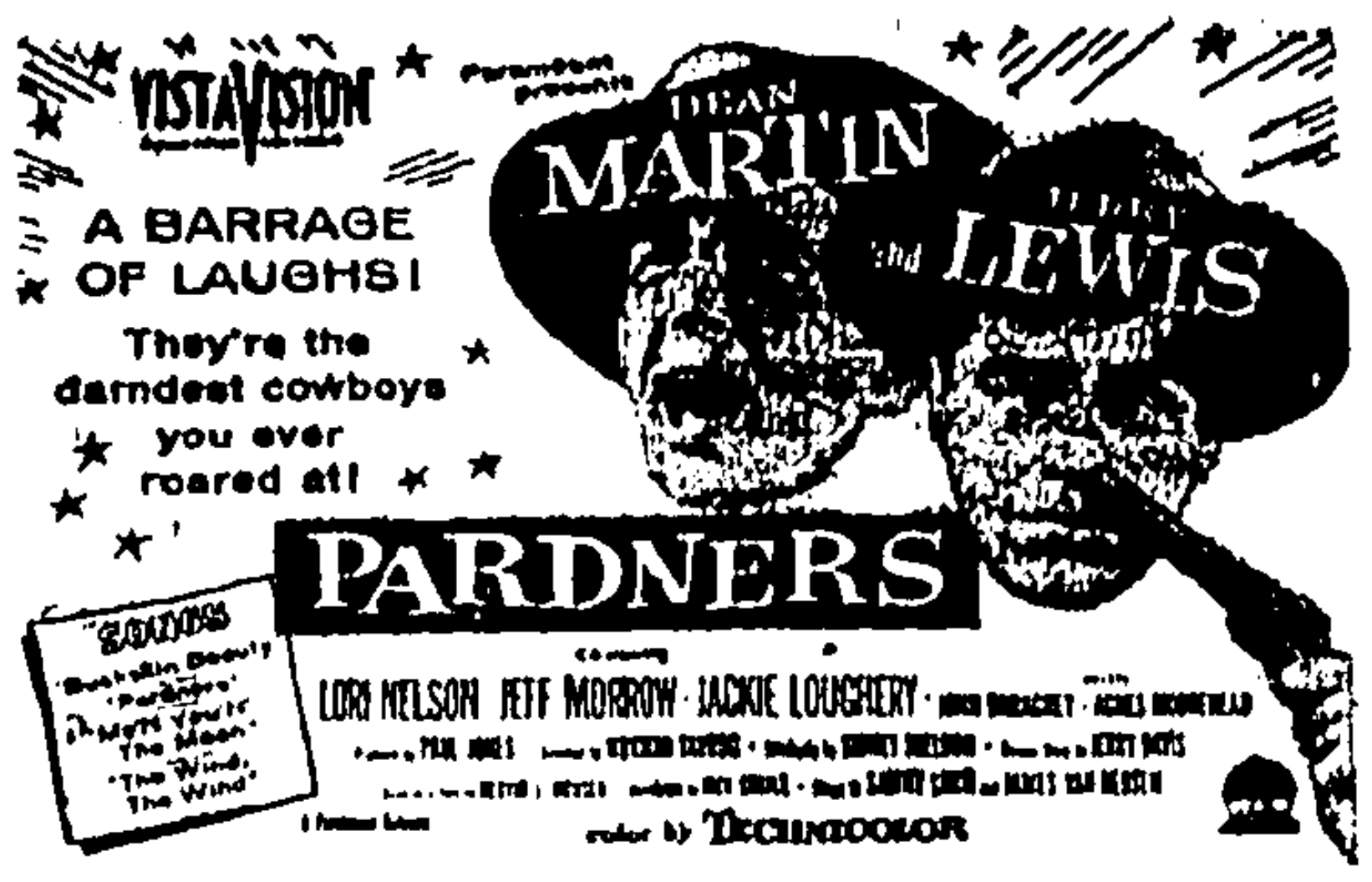
London, Dec. 20.

Britain has sent an independent investigator to Port Said to draw up an estimate of the number of Egyptian victims of the Anglo-French action there, Minister of Defence Antony Head disclosed in the House of Commons today.

The investigator was Sir Edwin Herbert, President of the British Law Society, who spent four days at Port Said, from December 8 to December 12, Mr Head said.

His report, which would probably be published tomorrow, would refute the astronomical figures of Egyptian casualties put forward by the Labour opposition, Mr Head said.

After the Allied landing at Port Said the British Government estimated the number of Egyptian casualties at 100 killed and 500 wounded. These figures have been several times contested by the opposition. — France-Presse.



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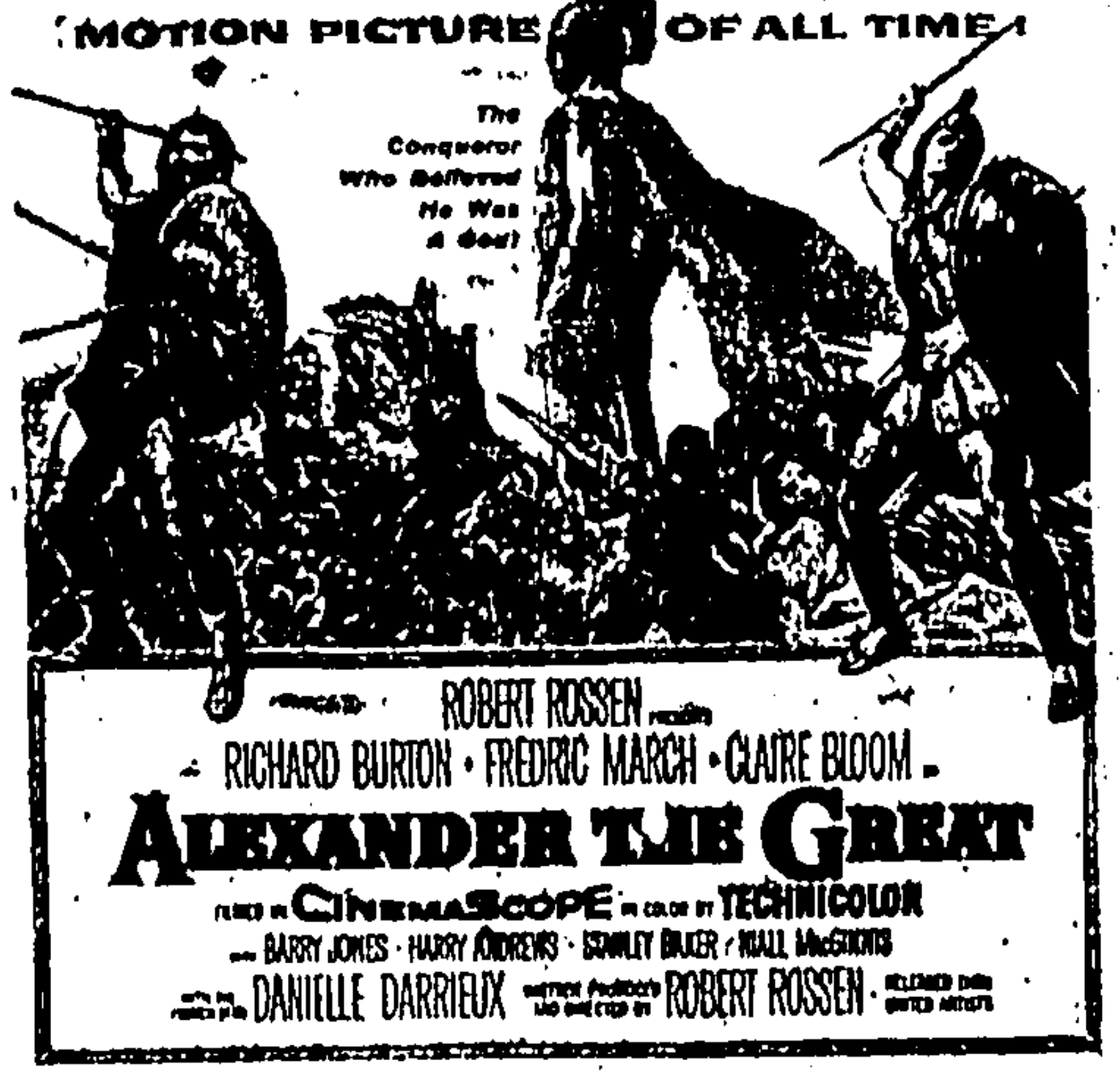

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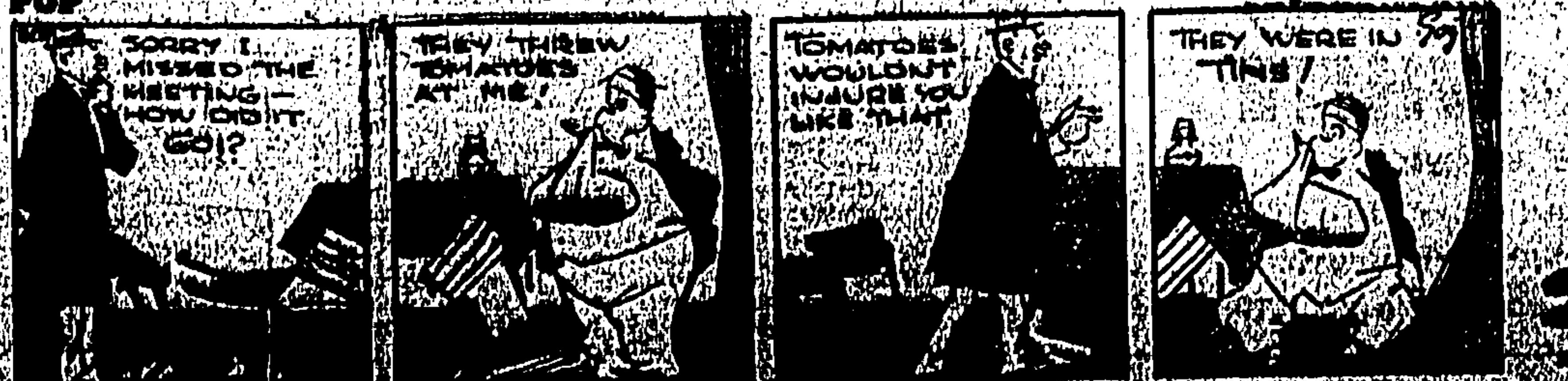
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Eisenhower-Nehru World Peace Accord

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Washington, Dec. 20.

The agreements reached between Indian Premier, Jawaharlal Nehru and American President Eisenhower are based essentially on the need to found world peace on the ideas of human dignity and freedom which inspired the United Nations Charter.

This is stressed by the joint communique published in Washington today at the close of Mr Nehru's official visit to the United States.

The fact that the Indian Premier, in his passionate search for a compromise solution between the East and West, had found agreement with Eisenhower's own ideas and forged, as Nehru puts it, "bonds of the mind," constituted the real success of the meetings, authoritative American circles said today.

Concrete Realities

The question now is how to turn into concrete realities this agreement in principle between two men, who represent between them a little less than two thirds of the population of the world.

So far no forecasts have been forthcoming, either from American or Indian circles, on precise plans which might be expected to emerge from this "summit" conference.

The importance of the meeting at Washington and Gettysburg must be found, to use an expression dear to Premier Nehru, "in their context."

The Indian Premier has come to the United States at the precise moment when President Eisenhower, by means of a disarmament plan to some extent similar to the one put forward by Soviet Premier, Nikolai Bulganin, has been trying to put an end to the threat of war.

At the same time, there have been detected, not only behind the iron curtain but apparently within the Soviet frontiers, signs of a profound change—whether for good or for evil, is not yet clear.

These changes will doubtless compel a great number of powers, including the United States, to make a rapid revision of their traditional concepts of foreign policy.

What has been Nehru's part in this connection in his conversations with President Eisenhower?

If it is admitted that the fundamental problem for the United States today is to find a formula, if not for co-existence with communism, at least for a modus vivendi capable of preventing a third world conflict, then Premier Nehru's counsels must certainly have been invaluable.

Events in Poland and Hungary, the Middle East crisis and the disquieting problem of the two Germanies, have shown America that her frontier is no longer the Atlantic Ocean but a line somewhere between the Baltic and the Gulf of Aqaba.

Political circles in Washington today consider it is no longer possible for the United States to count exclusively on its nuclear potential to ensure the stability necessary to world peace along the whole length of this new frontier

Moral Disarmament

In the United Nations, where American influence has grown recently, with all its accompanying responsibilities, recent experience has proved that, effective solutions can only be found under the auspices of attempted "moral disarmament."

Nehru, who represents 370 million people, and whose country borders on the Communist world, will doubtless have invoked the formidable privilege conferred by this geographical factor to caution his host about the dangers of rigid dogmatism.

Premier Nehru has asked President Eisenhower and Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, to follow along the paths of "moral humility" which India professes. Even though he sincerely condemns the abuse of power in Hungary, Nehru clearly does not believe in the total failure of the Communist experiment or the imminent collapse of the USSR.

Less Reaction

It appears that Nehru has received a less categoric reaction than he expected to his cautiously worded advice to the American Government to reconsider its attitude to the Russian problem from a more realistic standpoint.

Doubtless this is because the Indian statesman himself realises, as well as his hosts, that no compromise is possible if it is at the expense of the principles of "human dignity" and "free Democracy", which lie at the basis of Western political conceptions.

American circles consider everything now depends on the extent to which the Soviet leaders are prepared to take these notions into account in dealing with their immediate neighbours.

Apart from the attempts now going on to reach an agreement on disarmament, a softening of the American attitude in general will doubtless constitute a vital factor for the future.

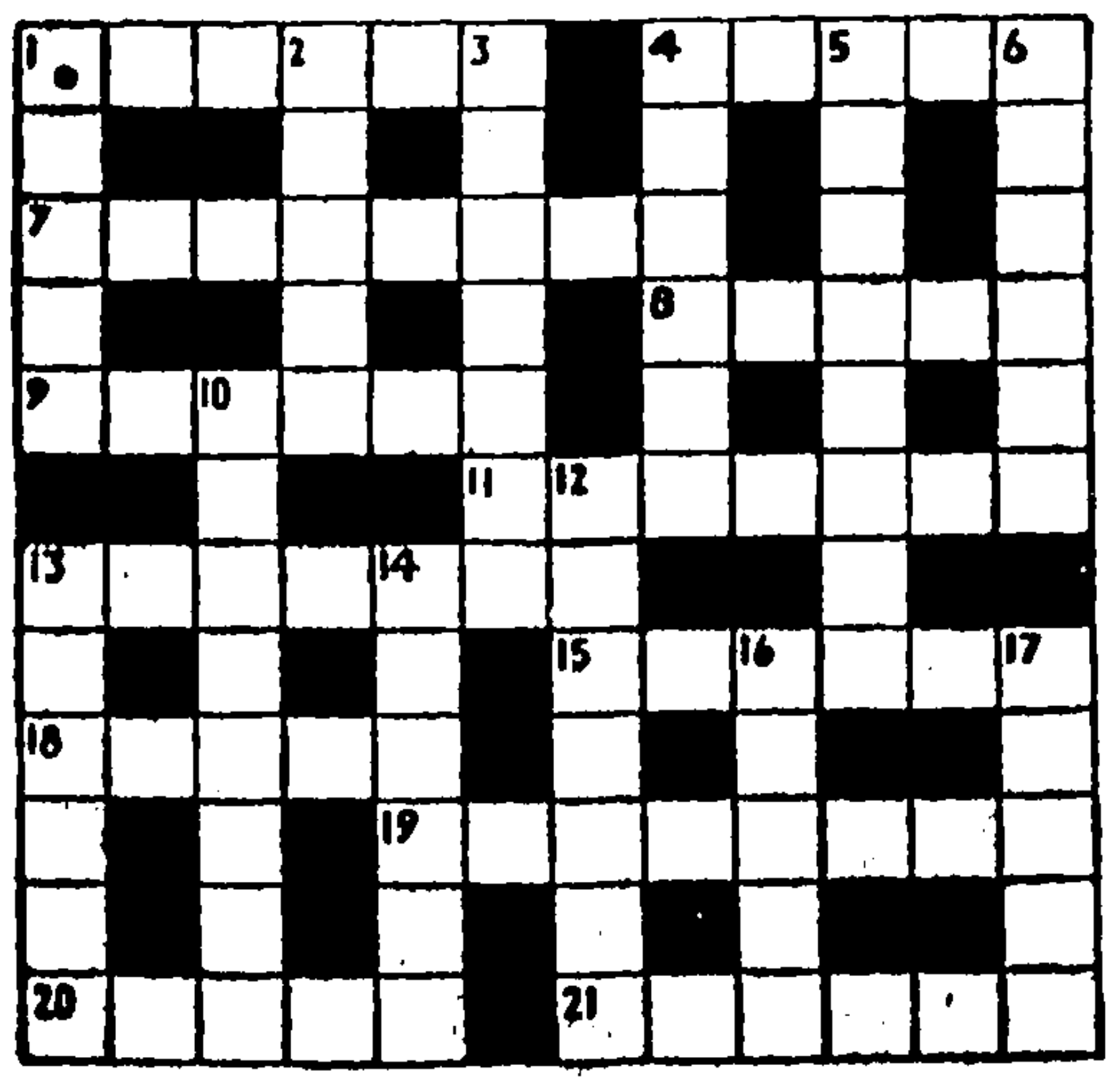
The fact that Nehru, in his role of East-West mediator, has been able to assure himself of this at the source constitutes a triumph for President Eisenhower's policy of "personal diplomacy."—France-Presse.

Kitwe, Dec. 20.

The Deputy Labour Commissioner for Northern Rhodesia arrived on the copper belt yesterday for conciliation proceedings aimed at ending the Bancroft strike of daily paid European mine workers.

He is expected to interview the parties to the dispute separately during the next few days.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Bog (6).
4 Send (5).
7 The height of fame for a churchman? (8).
8 Endures (5).
9 Put aside (6).
11 Reparation (7).
13 Wander about (7)
15 Removed (6).
18 Repaid (5).
19 Fascinate (8).
20 Frolics (6).
21 Request firmly (6).

DOWN

1 Encounters (5).
2 Cancel (5).
3 Earnest (7).
4 Staggered (6).
5 Makes damp (8).
6 Twirls (6).
10 Inspector once down the pit? (8).
12 Built (7).
13 Shellfish (6).
14 Hinders (6).
16 Scare (5).
17 Fear (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Asks, 4 Daunted, 8 Team, 9 Ergo, 10 Numeral, 11 Rues (ruse), 12 Idle, 14 Selects, 17 Cease, 19 Tenon, 22 Nestled, 26 Vest, 27 Sage, 28 Baronet, 29 Nore, 30 Rest, 31 Tensets, 32 Says. Down: 2 Stride, 3 Stores, 4 Denes, 5 Am-used, 6 Niece, 7 Exact, 12 Icon, 13 Lads, 15 Cane, 16 Sent, 18 Desert, 20 Events, 21 Osprey, 23 Evade, 24 Tools, 25 Dates.

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Quite understandably, Christmas is viewed with foreboding by members of the poultry family. The turkey on the left, for example, appears gloomily resigned to the chopper; the rooster on the right, however, appears determined to go out fighting.—Express Photo.

REDS SUFFER SET-BACK IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, Dec. 21.

Creeping infiltration, labelled by some as "Red China's Secret Army", suffered a severe set-back in Singapore during 1956.

The bold and tough steps taken by Chief Minister Lim Yew Hock's Labour Front Government to break the grasp that pro-Peking elements had gained on students, union and cultural groups was unquestionably the outstanding development during the year on this strategic island.

Threat To Security

During 1957 Singapore hopes to press forward to success a drive for Merdeka (Independence). The cleaning up of subversives and suspected subversives during the latter part of 1956 should contribute heavily toward achieving this goal.

Strong efforts were made during the early part of the year to obtain immediate Merdeka. Negotiations in London failed over questions of maintaining "security."

The threat to security reportedly lay in the strong influence Red groups wielded as a result of infiltrating schools; several key unions and local federations and societies. Many observers here early this year were inclined to believe that Singapore would pass under Peking dominance "within four or five years."

Pessimistic views were expressed by neighbouring countries who depend on Singapore as an entrepot, by SEATO planners and by a sizable majority of the residents here who have no desire to swap their present status for the doubtful privilege of becoming a colony of China.

A sweeping series of arrests, banishments and dissolution of several societies touched off the October riots that killed 16 persons and injured more than 100. But order was restored with surprising speed. When the situation cooled down, the same pessimists who gave Singapore "four to five years" before the Reds took over, estimated the Communist timetable had been set back at least five years.

Some were ready to concede that the Colony might actually be able to maintain its independence indefinitely.

Life-Blood

Singapore's life-blood is trade. It was to be expected that trade with China would be one of the big things on the minds of Singapore businessmen during 1956.

Members of trade delegations visited Peking. They came back with enthusiastic appraisals of business possibilities with Peking and during the year more and more of the ships visiting here loaded more and more cargo bound directly or indirectly for Canton or Shanghai.—United Press.

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Nehru Applauds UN

New York, Dec. 20.

Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, the Prime Minister of India, told the United Nations General Assembly tonight it had proved that "it could face problems courageously."

Mr Nehru addressed the General Assembly after meeting United Nations delegates at a reception given in his honour by Mr Arthur Lall, India's permanent delegate to the United Nations.

He was escorted into the Assembly chamber by Mr Dag Hammarskjold, the United Nations Secretary-General.

Mr Nehru welcomed what he called "the sense of facing problems from the larger points of view of the world" and in the light of the principles of the UN Charter.

Mr Nehru said nothing should be done to increase hatred and bitterness.

He said that one should never close the door on an enemy to the stage where a reconciliation was impossible.

ELEMENT OF GOOD

Referring to the Middle East and Hungarian crises, Mr Nehru said while they were very unfortunate happenings, both of them had perhaps "an element of good in them—not in the acts themselves but in the consequences."

"The one big thing I welcome is that world opinion has shown itself a strong enough factor not to tolerate what it considers wrong," he said.

Mr Nehru said that tolerance should be shown by all." Tolerance does not mean carelessness. It does not mean passivity. It means something active."

He said war had become an impossible proposition.

Conditions might have been different in the past, but today these pacts only made other nations hostile, and the task of seeking a disarmament agreement became more and more difficult.

"The presence of foreign forces in a country is always an irritant," Mr Nehru said.

"It is an abnormal thing undesirable and does not produce that sense of security it is intended to produce."

He said world opinion was a powerful force. Even a country "indulging in wrong actions" does so because it believes it can carry world opinion with it.

Nehru said that as any war that broke out was likely to be a world war, he could not see even the military necessity of having bases "dotted all over the place."—Reuter.

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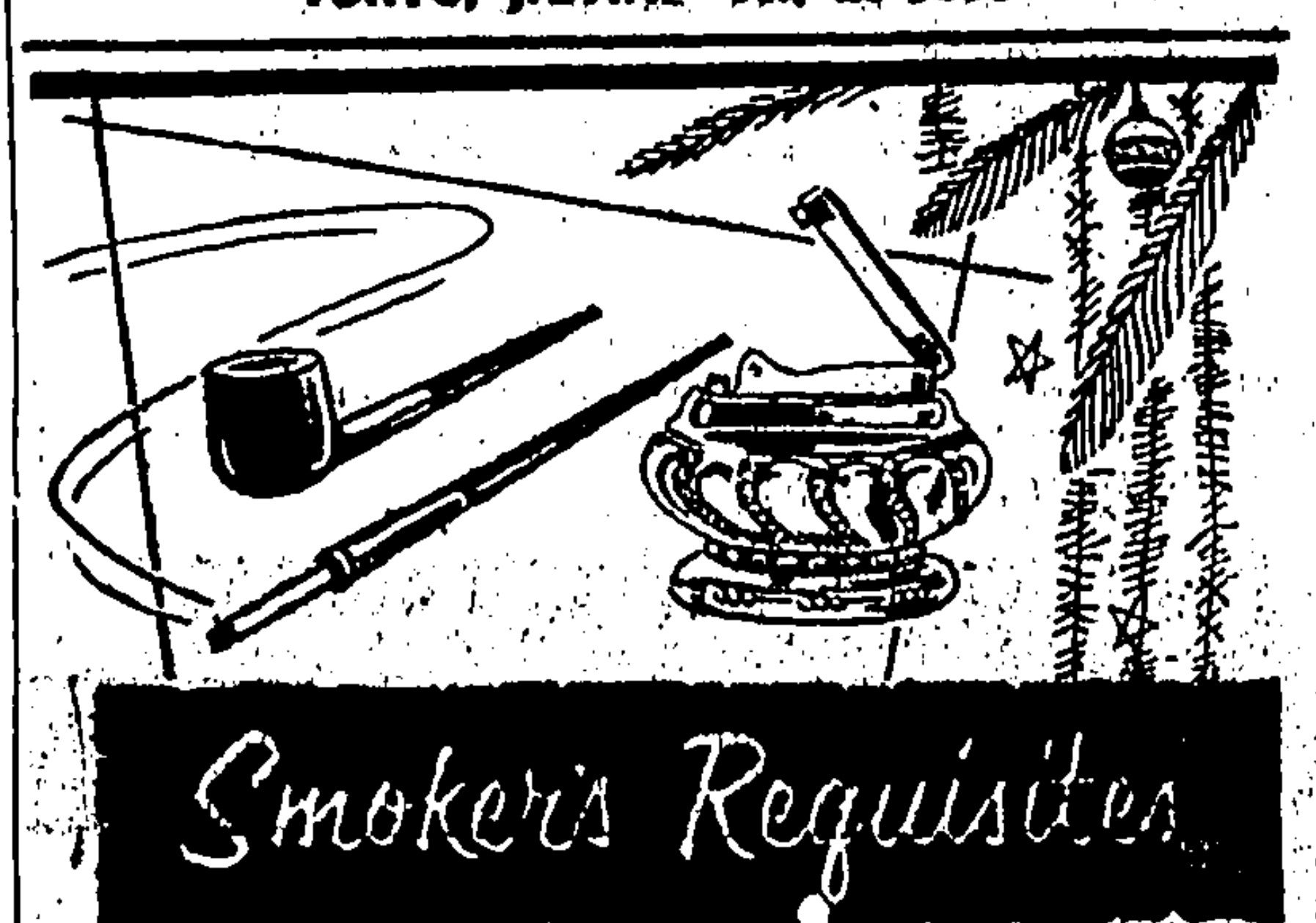
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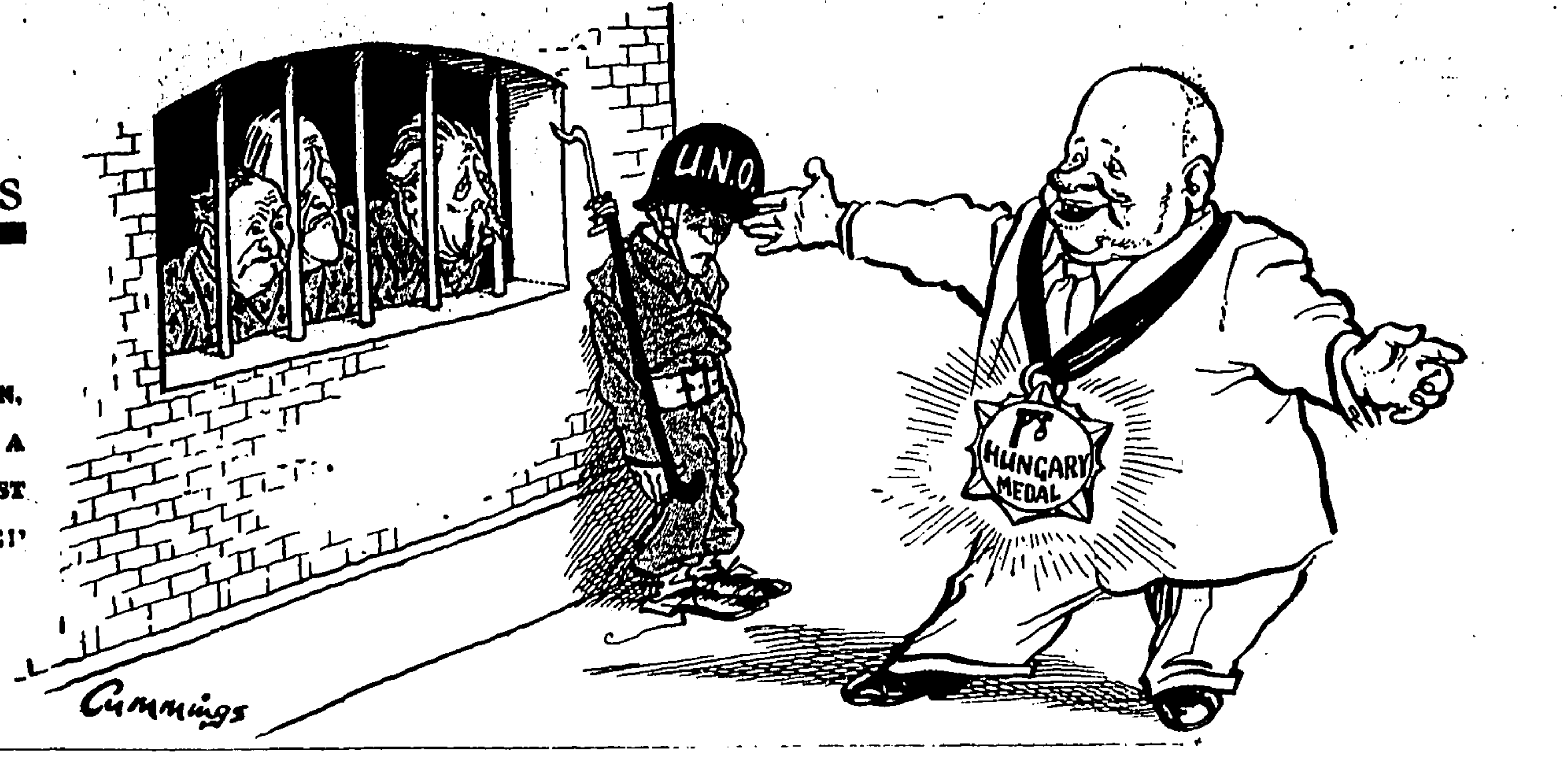

'BUT, GENTLEMEN, IF YOU COMMIT A CRIME, YOU MUST COMMIT A BIG ONE!'

MILLIONAIRES ARE NOT A DYING SPECIES

—Says the super-millionaire who is being tipped as the next US Ambassador to Britain

New York.

"THE era when the supermen of Europe could govern the whole world is coming pretty close to the end." The words are those of Mr Louis St Laurent, the 74-year-old Prime Minister of Canada. But the thought is the thought of two out of three New Yorkers I have met in the last fortnight.

And so today I managed to interview the highest type of American superman, the elusive super-millionaire, John Hay Whitney, who is widely tipped to be the next ambassador to Britain.

"Jock" Whitney has a personal fortune which must be around $60,000,000. ("It would be pesky of me to quibble over a few millions one way or the other.")

He has two private airplanes, two Chryslers for himself, and two Cadillacs for his wife, two private offices in Fifth Avenue, even two swimming pools (one indoors and one outdoors) at his palatial house on Long Island.

Presumably because even millionaires must economise somewhere, he has only one yacht.

By
ALAN BRIEN

Whitney is the man with the golden fingers. Everything he touches turns into 22 carat. Cushioned by his inherited wealth against the ragged edges of the world, he has plunged into some of the riskiest fields of investment and emerged with his bank balance bulging.

And yet, as a friend put it, Whitney has "an emotional need to be useful." A sixth of his fortune has been locked in two settlements.

One, the John Hay Whitney Foundation, exists to help the under-privileged, the handicapped, and the victims of social prejudice. The second, J. H. Whitney and Co., was formed to provide capital for ventures that are too unorthodox to attract ordinary financiers. They range from a new way of making bricks to a miracle cure for acne.

Both organisations have their offices on the 32nd floor of the massive International Building on Fifth Avenue. Here I passed down long, softly-carpeted corridors, through discreetly-lit, deep-armchaired lounges.

It was like a conducted tour of an air-conditioned hive. Pretty wasp-waisted secretaries tiptoed back and forth at the cross-roads. Bee-shouldered executives sat hunched at their desks in their open-doored cells.

At the end of the centrally-heated cul-de-sac in a panelled office with a red carpet and carved furniture, I came at last upon John Hay Whitney.

Whitney is a burly, ruddy-faced man who looks a decade younger than his 51 years. He wore a loose-fitting sporty-check suit and had something of the air of a gentleman boxer, despite his strong spectacles.

In his youth he had been a promising heavyweight. His weak eyes were affected by his schoolboy habit of doing his homework on the way to class in the family Rolls.

Derogatory

I asked him whether he would agree with the popular description of himself as an Anglophile. He got up and shook himself like a shaggy dog which has just emerged from the water.

"I think the word has a slightly derogatory undertone. I love England. I have many friends there, I've got a family there. And I went to Oxford for a while—though not for long enough. But Anglophile suggests that you put another country before your own.

"I am neither an Anglophile nor an Anglophobe; and the latter, I'm sure, died with such characters as the isolationist Big Bill Thompson of Chicago."

Whitney had been described to me as "a millionaire who was born with the lump of a social conscience." Several years ago he insisted on being removed from New York's social register, because, as he says: "If you are willing to go along with such a travesty of democracy you tacitly subscribe to its absurd notions as who is and who is not socially acceptable."

I asked him how he reconciled this with his affection for his friends in the upper crust of English society.

"My main objection to the social register here," said Whitney, "is that it is private enterprise which stratifies society for profit. In Britain, as I understand it, society is based on a stud book.

"Either you're in it or you aren't. And everyone understands the rules that are accepted in what is called society."

Handicap

Whitney is busy now mainly with his foundation, his investment company, his sport and his politics. "My personal money is spread over a wide variety of stocks and I don't pore over the tapes to see whether I'm up or down."

He believes that "the gravitational pull of high taxation is inexorable" today, but he is confident that the millionaire is not a dying species.

"It seems to me perfectly possible, that if owners of inherited wealth employ it for some socially useful purpose the trend may even decelerate," he said.

Whitney has no ambitions for elected office in politics. "I've never thought I would be President some day as most boys are supposed to do. Perhaps because I suffered the handicap of being born in a mansion, and not in a log cabin."

At a time of crisis in Britain's fuel future...

A SPECIAL INTERVIEW WITH SIR EDWIN PLOWDEN

BRITAIN'S ATOMIC POWER PLAN IS TO BE DOUBLED

THE INTERVIEW WAS GIVEN TO CHAPMAN PINCHER

POWER from the atom will be saving Britain fuel worth up to £60,000,000 a year by 1965 — a substantial contribution to the import-export gap which threatens our survival. These annual savings should soar to at least £400 million after a further 10 years.

Advances in atomics have been so rapid in the last few months that the Government's 10-year plan to go nap on atomic power — considered extremely bold only a year ago—has been hopelessly outdated.

It now seems certain that this plan will at least be doubled and possibly almost trebled.

I make these exciting forecasts following an exclusive interview with Sir Edwin Plowden, the 49-year-old chief of the Atomic Energy Authority.

Though Sir Edwin was guarded about actual figures, our conversation made it clear that the critical need for economy created by the Suez situation will not weaken the Government's determination to press ahead with the development of atomic electricity.

Indeed by spotlighting the danger in which Britain stands by being so dependent on imported fuels. Suez has given added significance to the atomic lead secured by the successful operation of the world's first atom-powered station at Calder Hall, Cumberland.

UNLIMITED

THE three atomic stations soon to be built by the Central Electricity Authority will generate up to 300,000 kilowatts of power—compared with the 500,000 produced by the enormous coal-fuelled Battersea power station.

This is double the output originally planned.

Further, the number of stations to be built by 1965 will be substantially increased beyond the original 12.

The possibilities for the following 10 years are unlimited.

Sir Edwin, whose views carry special weight through his former capacity as the Government's chief economic planner, believes that it is essential for Britain to eliminate her dependence on imported fuels.

"Atomic power can have no impact on the immediate [illegible] crisis created by the Suez situation, but Suez should have an immediate impact on atomic power," Sir Edwin said.

"Far from slowing down the atomic power plans, the present financial crisis should speed them up. In this sense Suez provides us with a stimulus.

"Oil and imported coal are likely to go up in price, so atomic power, which is bound to come down in price, should become increasingly attractive commercially.

"Britain is leading the world in the Second Industrial Revolution as she led it in the first, and we must keep that lead."

H-BOMBS

SIR EDWIN reassured me that the demands of the Services for atomic weapons are no longer limiting the effort which the Government is putting into atomic power.

Britain will go on making atomic weapons, including H-bombs, but the materials and money needed for this work will not affect the power programme.

Neither should the shortage of scientists and technicians. Sir Edwin is confident that firms are so alert to the enormous possibilities of atomic power that they will starve other branches of industry rather than hold up this development.

DELAYS

THE factor most likely to hold up progress is difficulty over sites for the power stations.

The project to build an atom power plant at Hunterston, in Ayrshire, is delayed because local objections have forced a public inquiry.

Plans to set up an experimental atom station at Winfrith Heath in Dorset are also being held up by a public inquiry.

This is particularly dangerous because the site is needed for building a special high-temperature [illegible] power stations of much higher efficiency.

Nobody wants a Crichel Down episode, but Britain's magnificent lead could be lost through delays like the Winfrith inquiry.

What are the prospects of atomic power to replace oil in ships and petrol in aircraft?

Sir Edwin said:—

"Harwell and the shipbuilders are pressing ahead with the development of atomic reactors for ship propulsion both naval and merchant.

"The naval project is well advanced because performance is more important than cost. Merchant ships will have to wait on technical developments to reduce the capital costs which now would be many times those of oil-fired ships.

"Several aircraft firms are working on atomic propulsion, but commercial success is even further away than for ships.

"Portable atomic power plants for the Services will also save oil, but these too are far ahead.

"The major effort must be in developing atomic electricity for industry. Britain must export or die, and exports depend on power."

How about the export of atomic power plants themselves?

Home requirements are likely to be pressing for the next five years.

The most probable immediate markets for big power plants of the Calder Hall type are the few industrialised nations short of power such as Japan and West Germany.

"There will be an undoubted demand for smaller atomic plants from other countries later and we hope to get a good share of these orders," Sir Edwin said.

THE LEAD

AFTER my talk with this brilliant man I came to this conclusion:—

One benefit which historians are likely to credit to the Suez intervention will be that it boosted the development of atomic power so strongly that it gave Britain a commanding lead in the Second Industrial Revolution.

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BRITAIN NEEDS A NEW GAMES POLICY

W. CAPEL KIRBY sums up the OLYMPICS

Melbourne.

Apart from the waves of cheering which greeted announcements about any Australian competitor — whether first or last—these Olympics have been the quietest and least sensational of any of the seven I have reported.

This is due, I think, to tickets getting into the hands of disinterested, more-money-than-sport-sense social occasioners who bulged the spivs' pockets by paying well over the odds and deprived knowledgeable rank and file sport enthusiasts admission.

After my experiences here I think the well-known Olympic message should be amended to read: "The important thing is not to win but to cash in."

Those Gold Medals you heard so much about are, in fact, only gilt and of inconsequential intrinsic value. The only real gold at these Games has been harvested by organisers, tradesmen and ticket scalpers and, believe me, when it comes to racketeering, our Wembley and Hampden Cup Final and international match operators back home are threepenny bit-minded small-timers.

OUTRAGEOUS

I blame the organisers for fixing outrageous prices in the first place

Imagine paying £3 4s for a session of two swimming heats and a water polo match, let alone being mug enough to fork out £6 or £7 to pavement spivs.

All this contributed towards a long-drawn-out almost featureless 15 days' Games programme of short sessions, when 10 days could have seen it all through.

Nevertheless, what we saw provided many lessons by which we should profit between now and the Rome Olympics in four years' time.

Chief is that Britain's entire governing body structure should be demolished and rebuilt on Ministry of Sport lines without necessarily making it another overstaffed Whitehall department.

Either that, or we must decide whether to be content with indifferent showings by a bunch of week-end, fun-and-games performers or play the rest of the world at its own game of full-time "shamateurism."

I have got hot under the collar over repeatedly being reminded how much better Australia's swimmers have fared than ours. My reply is that not one of Britain's swimming contingent could have left jobs or schooling to go away for 16 weeks' special training as did the Aussies, even if we had the £8,000 it cost them.

How different in the case of our successful gold medal-winning flyweight Terry Spinks who had to turn in his job to undertake this trip. All in all Spinks, Dick McTaggart and Tommy Nichols did wonderfully well, but I must add that in all divisions the boxing was below previous standards.

Much as I dislike playing down British successes, I wonder how many of our record tally of 22 medals would have been collected but for the international situation, the withdrawal of some teams and mental distress minimising the winning chances of others.

Don't let the glittering collection blind us to facts.

Had the Dutch team not stayed away in protest of happenings in Hungary there would have been no gold medal for Judy Grinham or bronze for her old rival, Margaret Edwards, in the 100 Metres Back Stroke.

But for Hungarians being too worried about the fate of nearfolk at home I rather fancy the unofficial, originally American-inspired merit table so deplored by Avery Brundage (more so now Russia are on top) would tell a far different placings story

Pirie, Hewson and Derek Johnson failed to come up to expectations and I insist this state of affairs will persist until such time as a more efficient administration is set up, bringing all branches of sport under one national body with somebody like the far-seeing, well-travelled organiser Sir Stanley Rous as supreme boss.

REPERCUSSIONS

So many British brought here at over £500 public contribution money per head have been a dead loss except for the opening and closing ceremony march past purposes—and some even ducked those chores on the grounds of "indisposition."

Before the Rome Games we must also strive for uniformity of coaching principles on a team basis.

Franz Stampfl has his critics but they can't deny he brought such as Roger Bannister, Chris Brasher, Brian Howson, Chris Chataway, and others to world track distinctions and was rewarded by petty, jealous cold-shouldering which caused him to leave Britain and seek an outlet for his talent-producing abilities here in Australia.

Whatever officialdom may say, our representatives have taken their Olympic duties too lightheartedly and, in some cases, with complete disregard for discipline.

Even team manager Jack Crump confessed to difficulties and it wouldn't surprise me if there are repercussions when the teams get home.

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Week-End Cricket Teams

The following players have been selected to represent their respective clubs in League cricket matches tomorrow.

HKCC

"Scorpions" v Army "North" (Home): H. Owen Hughes, D W Leach, I L Stanton, F A Weller, T A Pearce, T G C Knight, F Howarth, V O Roberts, C J S Hill, L White, R H Campion. 12th Man P G M Taylor Umpire - P J Hart Scorer -J Smith

KCC

1st Division (Away) v RAF F. Findlay, (Capt.), V Fairhall, R Bell, R Jenner, K. Lo, R E Lee, A. T Lee, B Carnell, B Roach, S. Hill, P Wood, Umpire —H Harris Scorer —Mrs Findlay.

RAF

1st Division (Home) v KCC. F/O Lee, F/Sgt Wench, Sgt Taylor, Cpl McCowan, Cpl Crook, Cpl Birley, LAC Lister, LAC Fice, LAC Johnson, SAC Mason, SAC Henderson, 12th Man LAC Reynard. Umpire Sgt Howard-Merton. Scorer, Mrs Welch.

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2nd Div. (Away) v Dockyard—A.J. Prata; A.A. Alonco; D.F. Castro; J.M. Basto; F.M. Correa; G.J. Noronha; E.J. Loureiro; W. McGrann; A.A. dos Remedios Jnr.; C.A. Yvanovich; A.P. Guterres, Jnr. Umpires: W. Spaven; Scorer: A.E. Osmund.

EUROPEAN SOCCER

Bilbao Qualify To Meet Manchester U.

Brussels, Dec. 20.

Atletico of Bilbao (Spain) qualified to meet Manchester United in the quarter finals of the European Soccer Cup by drawing 3-3 with Honved (Hungary) here tonight.

The teams were level 1-1 at half time.

Bilbao won the first leg of the tie (3-2) in Spain and advanced to the quarter finals with the better aggregate. — China Mail Special.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Athletics

Queen Elizabeth School Annual Athletic Meeting at Caroline Hill 4 p.m.

TOMORROW

Soccer

1st Division: Kwong Wah v KMB (CH), RAF v Club (Navy), Police v Kitchee (BS), matches at 3.30 p.m.

Reserve Division: RAF v Club (Navy) 2 p.m.

2nd Division: Jardine v RAMC (HV) 2 p.m.

3rd Division: Hollandia v RIL (HV) 2 p.m.

Junior Shield: KMB v Solicitors (CH) 1.45 p.m.; Gymnastics v REME (BS) 1.45 p.m.; RAF Sai Wan v AFS (HV) 3.30 p.m.; Taikoo v Dodwell (HV) 3.30 p.m.; Telephone v CMB (HV) 3.30 p.m.

Cricket

1st Division: Scorpions v Army North; RAF v KCC.

Hockey

Ladies' League: Recreio "B" v Kings (KP) 4 p.m.; Gremlins "B" v Victorians (BS) 4 p.m.; Recreio "A" v KGV (BS) 2.30 p.m.

Rugby

Hexangular Tournament: Army North v Army South (BS) 3 p.m.; Club v RAF (Club) 4.15 p.m.; Navy v Police (Club) 3 p.m.

Lawn Bowls

KCC Mixed Wappinshaw, 2.30 p.m.

Royal H.K. Defence Force Orders

Serial No. 51. Orders by Brigadier L. T. Ride, CBE, ED, Commandant, Royal Hongkong Defence Force. Dated December 18, 1956.

FORCE ORDERS

In Memoriam.—Royal Hongkong Defence Force—In memory of our comrades of HKRNVR, HKVDC and all other volunteers who died in defence of the Colony in 1941, and as prisoners-of-war, and of those who died on service on other fronts.

Complimentary.—The Commandant wishes All Ranks of RHKDF and their families a Happy Christmas and Good Fortune in the New Year.

Holiday.—RHKDF Headquarters, Happy Valley will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 25 and 26, 1956.

FORCE HEADQUARTERS

C & R Troop.—Monday December 24, 1956—No Parade.

THE HONGKONG REGIMENT

Training.—Week ending December 29, 1956—"A" Coy, "B" Coy, "C" Coy, "D" Coy, HQ Coy & "S" Coy —No parade. Band & Corps of Drum Programme as ordered by Band President.

Dress.—All Ranks will ensure that their unit and formation signs are correctly sewn on all B.D. & Tropical uniform forthwith. Unit sign must be on left shoulder and formation sign (dragon) on right shoulder.

HOME GUARD

Training.—Thursday December 27, 1956—Those detailed only. Parade HQ RHKDF 5.30 p.m. Dress: Mufti.

HONGKONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE

Pay Parade.—Pay Parade will be held on Thursday December 20, 1956 at HQ RHKDF, Happy Valley. Units will be paid individually at the following times:—Officers—5.30 p.m. SNCOs—5.45 p.m. Airmen—6 p.m. The following are detailed to report to HQ RHKDF before 5.30 p.m. Paying Officers: HQ Unit—Flt. Lt. G. Graham. C & R Unit—Fg. Off. R.U. Labrum. Flying Sqn—Fg. Off. V.E. Berger. Witnessing Officers: HQ Unit—Flt. Off. W. Mohammed. C & R Unit—Flt. Off. G. Long. Flying Sqn—Fg. Off. G.J. Bell. NCO i/c Parade: HQ Unit—Delete Sgt. J.C. McRobert. Add Sgt R.A. Vas. C & R Unit—Sgt. F.M. Botelho. Flying Sqn—Sgt. P.A. Law. Parade Adjutant—Flt. Off. P.F. White. Parade Warrant Officer—WO P.R. Remedios. The Officer Commanding has ruled that attendance is compulsory and that chits or authorities from absentees will not be accepted unless due to sickness or absence from the Colony. Transport will leave MPG at 5.15 p.m.

Annual Bounties.—Certain members have been awarded a Bounty which will be paid at the forthcoming Pay Parade. No queries about Bounties should be raised at the Parade but should be made personally to the Officer i/c Pay Accounts at HQ RHKDF, Happy Valley on Thursday December 27, 1956 between 5.30 and 6.30 p.m. To avoid unnecessary investigations, however, the attention of all ranks is drawn to the fact that no member of the HKAAF can be considered for a Bounty unless he has complied with the following minimum training:—(a) 14 days camp (b) 6 full days (c) 70 instructional hours, in the year ending September 30, 1956. The previous practice of substituting parades in order to qualify for Bounty was cancelled by Ordinance in January 1954. In addition, personnel must be deemed efficient in accordance with the Regulations governing the HKAAF.

(Sgd.) G. H. CALVERT, Major,
for Commandant, RHKDF.

NOTICE

Forces Day .22 in Rifle Competition 1956/57.—The Forces Day .22 in. Rifle Competition Rules are now on display on the .22 in. Rifle Club Notice Board in the Main Hall at RHKDF HQ, Happy Valley. The targets are $1.20 per set, and will be fired off before January 31, 1957. To give an added incentive, HQLF will provide medals to units having 20 or more entrants, and a local unit competition will be held in conjunction with the main event. Would all member of RHKDF wishing to enter this competition please forward their names to ASM E.A. Bull, Force HQ, Happy Valley by January 6, 1957.

St. John Ambulance Orders

Order by Mr Fung Ping-fan, C.St.J., Commissioner of St John Ambulance Brigade, Hongkong District, Order No. 51/56 dated December 20, 1956.

Ambulance Duties — Hong Kong.—23.12.56—29.12.56 Western Dist Amb. Div 30.12.56—5.1.57 H.K.Y.M.C.A. Amb. Div December 1956: S.K.W.K.F Nsg. Div. January 1957: Chung Sing Nsg Div.

Ambulance Duties — Kowloon.—24.12.56—29.12.56, Shamshuipo Amb. Div. 31.12.56—6.1.57. Kowloon Amb Div. December 1956: Waterloo Nsg. Div. January 1957. K.Y.M.C.A. Nsg. Div.

Penetration Squad Duties. — 23.12.56. Police Review. Cancel duty. 30.12.56. Dr Tson Wei-chean, Dentist Tong Chun-kwok, D/O Chan Pui-chan & H.K.Y.M.C.A. Nsg. Div

Orderly Duties at Mainland Area Hqts.—Dec 20. 56 Kowloon Amb. Div Dec. 21.56 Shamshuipo Amb. Div Dec. 22.56. Taimshatsui Amb Div Dec.23.56 Shamshuipo Amb. Div Dec.25.56 Kong Wah Amb. Div Dec.26.56 Taimshatsui Amb. Div. There will be no divisional meeting from Monday, 24th Dec., 1956 till Thursday, 3rd January, 1957.

Football Duties.—22.12.56, 1.45 p.m. S.C.A.A. Ground: S.C.A.A. Amb Div 22.12.56, 1.45 p.m Boundary St. Ground: K.Y.M.C.A Amb Div. 23.12.56, 1.45 p.m. Club Ground: Kennedy Town Amb Div 23.12.56, 1.45 p.m. Boundary St Ground: Kong Wah Amb. Div 26.12.56, 6.30 p.m S.C.A.A. Ground S.C.A.A. Amb. Div.

Race Duties.—1.1.57 At Race Course, Causeway Bay Amb Div. At Headquarters, S.K.W.K.F Amb. Div 5.1.57. S.K.W.K.F. Amb Div. At Headquarters, Causeway Bay Amb. Div.

The 14th Exhibition of H.K. Products Duties.—20.12.56. Wanchai "A" Div. & Manshuen Nsg Div 21.12.56—22.12.56. Chung Sing Div & Manshuen Nsg. Div. 23.12.56—25.12.56. Wanchai "B" Div. & Manshuen Nsg. Div. 26.12.56 Western Dist Div. & Menshuen Nsg. Div.

Street Sleepers Shelter Society Duties.—December 1956: Shamshuipo: K.Y.M.C.A. Nsg. Div. Western Dist: Shaukiwan K.F. Nsg. Div.

Mongkok K.F.W.A. Assn. Clinic Duties.—December 1956: Shamshuipo Nsg. Div.

H.K. Society for the Protection of Children — Kowloon. — 20.12.56 — 22.12.56. Waterloo Nsg. Div. 24.12.56—31.12.56. Waterloo Nsg. Div.

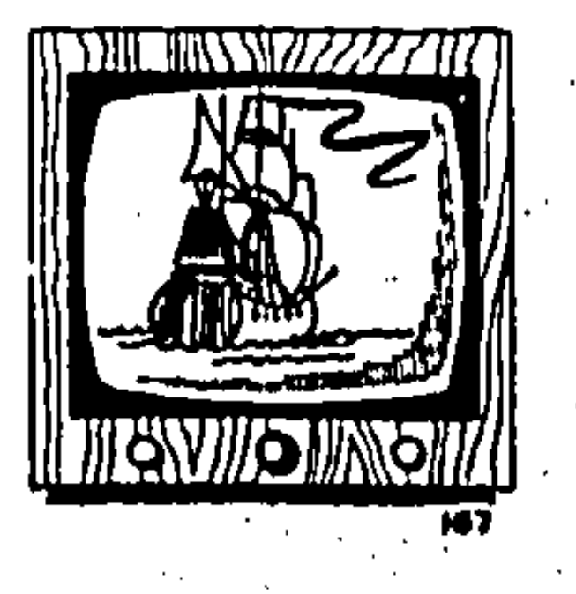
Promotion.—Chung Sing B.S. Nsg. Div.: L/Cpl. Yau Sing-wah promoted Sgt. w.e.f. 20.10.56.

Decrease Of Strength.—(a) Leave—Kowloon Amb. Div.: Pte. Tsun Hung to leave for 3 months w.e.f. 7.12.56. (b) Resignation—K.Y.M.C.A. Amb. Div.: Pte. Ho Tze-hing resigned w.e.f. 13.12.56.

Mainland Area Commissioner's Inspection will be held at the Kowloon Hospital Football Ground on Sunday, December 23, 1956 at 10 a.m.

(Sgd.) F. I. TSEUNG, C.St.J.(A.)
Deputy Commissioner,
District Headquarters.

NAMESAKES



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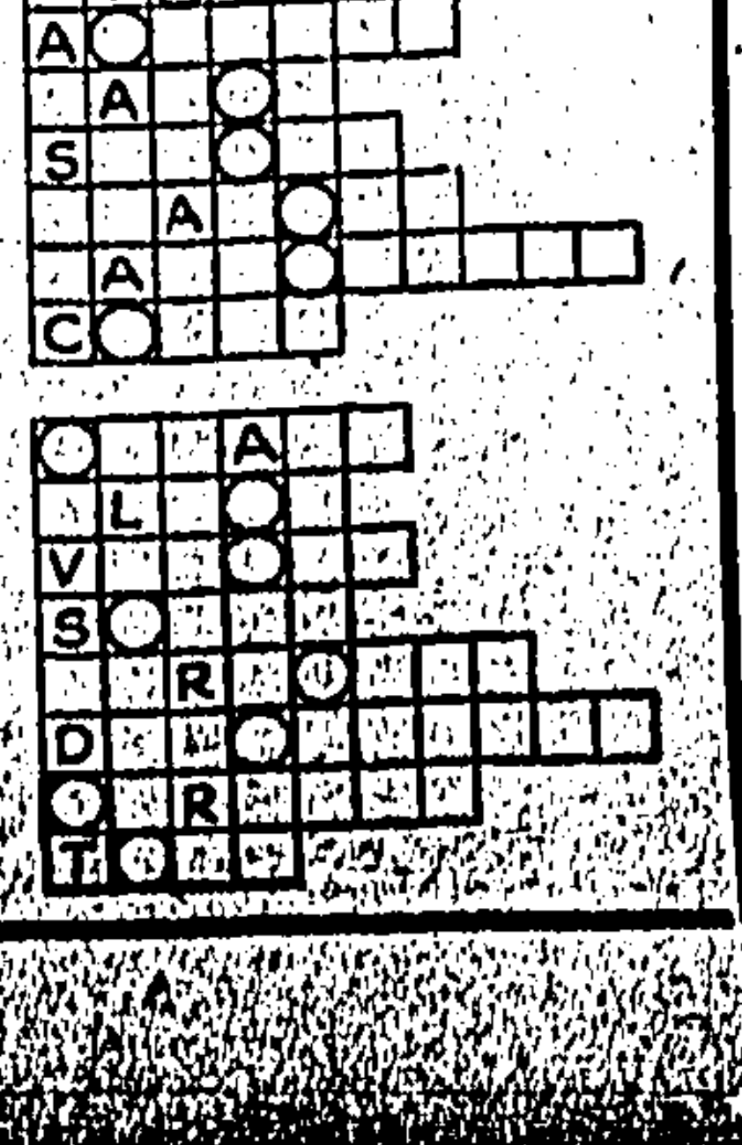

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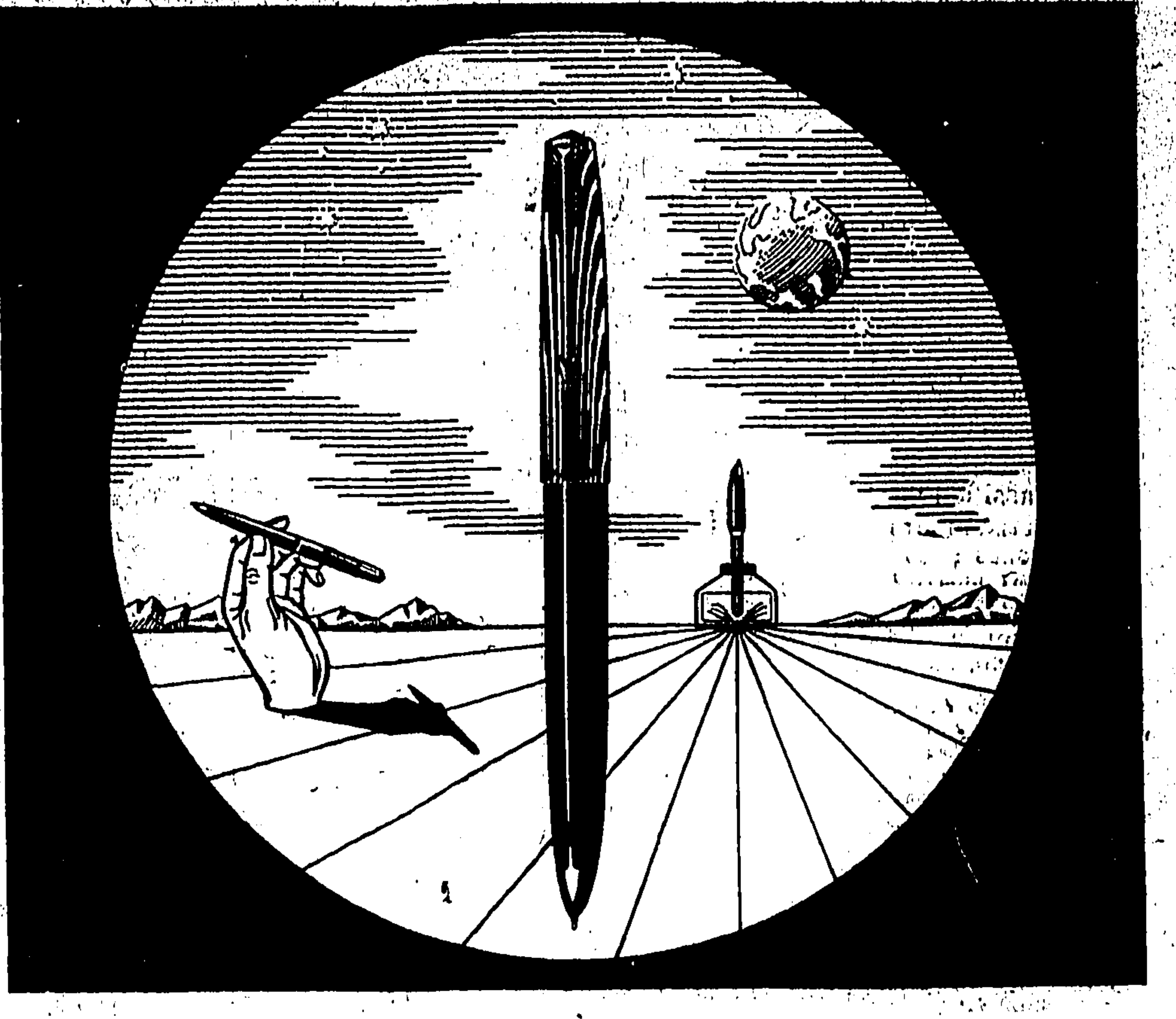
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NEW US AMBASSADOR TO ITALY IS A RICH MAN'S SON

San Francisco, Dec. 20.
Mr James David Zellerbach, the new United States Ambassador to Italy, is a rich man's son.

But although he was born to wealth, he did not fritter away the years of his business career on hobbies and pastimes. He became one of the nation's most successful businessmen—and one of the most revolutionary thinkers of the United States managerial class.

His administration of the American Embassy in Rome will doubtless reflect his philosophies of how "business" should be conducted. It is practically certain that the life of the Embassy will be considerably changed as the Zellerbach regime replaces that of his predecessor, the glamorous Mrs Clare Booth Luce.

Third Generation

The new United States Ambassador to Italy is a member of the third generation of a family which immigrated to the United States from Bavaria during the early years of the Californian Gold Rush in 1849.

His grandfather, Anthony Zellerbach, began the family's business by pushing a cart round San Francisco 88 years ago, collecting waste paper. On this foundation, he built a paper business now known as the Crown Zellerbach Corporation which has a gross turn-over of more than 450,000,000 dollars a year.

When the founder retired, Isadore Zellerbach, father of the new Ambassador became President of the Company. Mr J.D. Zellerbach took over as chief administrative officer in 1938, when the Company's assets were 104,550,172.13 dollars

Public Services

The Crown Zellerbach Corporation deals in timber and paper products. It sells everything in its line from heavy construction paper to the finest tissues. The organisation is completely integrated, from logging of the timber to manufacture and distribution of the final products.

In spite of the time and effort required to add 300,000,000 dollars in assets to a 100,000,000-dollar company in 18 years, the new Ambassador to Rome found time to indulge in numerous public service enterprises.

He was one of the individuals who could be counted on to make up the annual deficits of the San Francisco Opera Company. He lent his name and time to numerous civic enterprises. Under the Truman Administration, he served as Marshall Plan administrator to Italy and it was his work during this period which has now led to his appointment to Rome by President Eisenhower.

Retirement Age

The appointment came just as Zellerbach was approaching his company's mandatory retirement age of 65. He himself established such retirement policies, he explains, and "I can't make an exception for myself," he said.

Upon retirement, he was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors, a purely honorary position with little or no responsibility in the affairs of the Corporation. His successor, Mr Alfred Layton, who has been working for the Zellerbach Company for 25 years, is the first non-member of the Zellerbach family to have administrative authority and responsibility.

Mr Zellerbach noted this change when he retired, remarking: "This advent of truly professional management is a healthy development as it reflects Crown Zellerbach's change from a one-time family enterprise to a public corporation owned by 29,000 share-owners throughout the United States and five countries overseas."

The new Ambassador to Italy has at least one hobby—the scientific culture of wines, on a ranch in the Valley of the Moon, in North California, where Jack London wrote his stories of high adventure. The purpose of this enterprise is to produce wines which will be superior in quality to the wines of the Bordeaux district in France.

He believes that the era of "rugged individualism" in conduct of the capitalistic system is ended.

In Better Order

"I believe we must put our own houses in better order," he once told fellow executives, "so that all American business is actually demonstrating the enlightened practices we want other countries to understand and emulate in their own ways.

"If we consider ourselves business statesmen, we can neither ignore nor condone the small but vocal minority of American businessmen who preach free enterprise but practise 19th century capitalism."

As United States Ambassador to Italy, he intends "to take off my coat and go to work."

"I am not interested in a social job," he says. "To me the job of an Ambassador is to work to promote the interests of the country he represents; and to keep the Government he represents informed of developments in the country to which he is accredited.

Handicap

"I'm not great for this social life. I know that it goes with the job, but it is one of those handicaps which takes away the ability to do a job that has to be done.

"I intend to work.

"We're playing for high stakes these days."—China Mail Special.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs Paulsen & Bayes-Davy at Holt's Wharf from 10 a.m. on December 22 and 24, 1956, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey

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MALAYAN MINISTER FETED

London, Dec. 20.

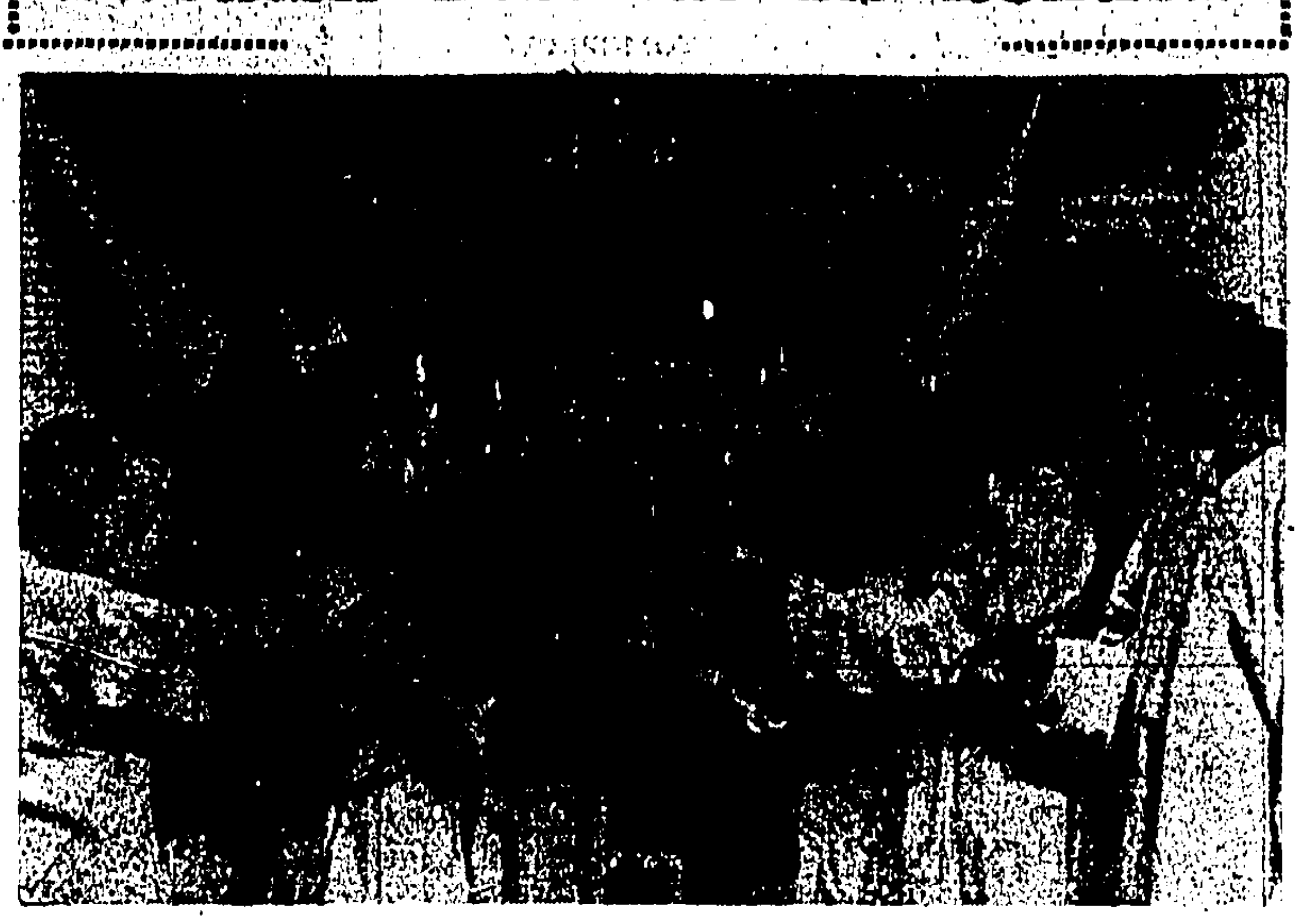
The Colonial Secretary, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, tonight gave a reception in honour of Tengku Abdul Rahman, the Malayan Chief Minister, who is here for talks with the British Government on the defence and finance problems of his country.

The reception was also attended by Mr Lim Yew Hock, the Singapore Chief Minister.

Mr Lim had earlier attended a private meeting of the Malayan Forum, a political body of Malayan and Singapore students in London. After the reception he was the dinner guest of the Malayan Commercial Association of great Britain.

The Tengku went from the reception to have dinner in the House of Commons with Sir John Barlow, a Conservative member who is the director of a number of rubber companies and Barclays Bank.—Reuter.

Swedish Festival In London



The scene in the Swedish Church in London's Marylebone district, when pretty 19-year-old Birgitta Lundin was last week crowned "Queen of Light" at the Festival of St Lucia. The ceremony, indeed, was a little bit of Sweden right in the heart of London.' —Express Photo.

THREE-SIDED FIGHT: £1 MILLION PRIZE

London, Dec. 20.

The London Court of Appeal today reversed a decision of a Chancery Division judge, Mr Justice Upjohn, who held that the English courts had no jurisdiction to decide who is entitled to a sum of £1,007,940, claimed by Pakistan and Indian governments, and by the Nizam of Hyderabad.

This sum is now with the Westminster Bank in an account in the name of Habib Ibrahim Rahimtoola, Pakistan Minister of Commerce and former High Commissioner in London.

It was transferred to him in 1948 when Hyderabad was occupied by Indian forces and the transfer was effected by Nawab Moin Nawaz Jung, formerly Finance Minister to the Hyderabad Government.

The Westminster Bank has refused to hand over the money, pending a court decision. The Nizam issued a writ in the English courts and the matter came up before Mr Justice Upjohn in the Chancery Division.

The judge held that the courts had no jurisdiction and that ownership had to be decided by inter-governmental negotiations.

The Court of Appeal however decided that the doctrine of sovereign immunity did not apply and that the Nizam could now take proceedings in England to establish his claim to the funds.—France-Presse.

America Accused Of Fomenting Hungarian Revolt

Moscow, Dec. 20.

The Soviet Union today reinforced its condemnation of United States "subversive" activities against the people's democracies with a direct accusation that Washington circles had plotted the Hungarian revolt for many years.

At the same time, there was a revival here today of rumours that the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee—which meets twice a year to approve basic party trends—is either meeting or about to meet.

Taken together, this may mean that Soviet leaders have established a formula conforming with Leninist doctrine explaining the Budapest insurrection and that the United States may be the prime scapegoat.

Such a formula would also serve as a warning to the "people's democracies" against exaggerated displays of independence which could encourage more United States "intervention."

Unanimous

Expert circles here think the Central Committee could not meet now unless the Presidium had reached unanimous agreement on foreign policy in the light of the Hungarian revolt and the critically independent line of Yugoslavia and Poland.

The Soviet Union's agonising reappraisal—to relax more in East Europe or to consolidate the present fronts — probably has been resolved.

Today's accusation against the United States was contained in an article in the Government newspaper Izvestia which could not have been printed without approval of the ruling circles.

It declared that American intelligence was the organiser of the counter-revolutionary movement in Hungary.

By comparison with these long and detailed accusations, news from Warsaw of the meeting of Yugoslav and Polish Communist leaders was extremely terse. The Soviet news agency Tass reported the opening of talks today without naming the delegation heads or providing any other details.

Despite the gravity of the Soviet Union's problems in the foreign affairs field, the Moscow and provincial press is swamped with reports of more foods, better shoes, finer furniture, more houses. This was its effect in obscuring unhappier political topics.

Plenty Of Food

During the past four months, Soviet citizens have enjoyed the sensation of a plentiful supply of good food and consumer goods, broader variety and better quality of household goods and clothing. From this there is undoubtedly feelings of deep gratitude to the present leadership.

The Central Committee, confronted with widespread public sentiment supporting the trend towards consumer goods production and a "better life", would find it most difficult to revert to the Stalinist concentration on resources and heavy industry.—China Mail Special.

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Saar Constitution Amendment Approved

Saarbruecken, Dec. 20.

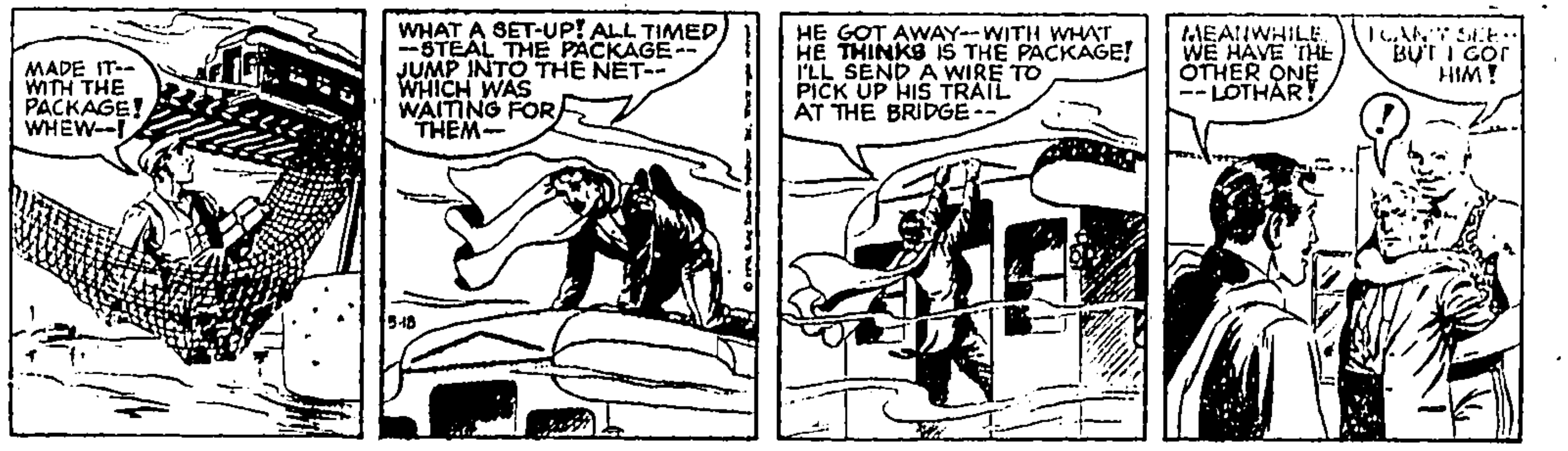
The Saar Parliament today finally approved a constitutional amendment to prepare for the Saar's incorporation in West Germany.

Under Franco-German agreements the rich coal and steel territory, at present politically independent, becomes politically part of West Germany on January 1, 1957.

Its economic union will be dissolved in stages by January 1, 1960.—China Mail Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis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WHAT A SET-UP! ALL TIMED—STEAL THE PACKAGE—JUMP INTO THE NET—WHICH WAS WAITING FOR THEM—
HE GOT AWAY—WITH WHAT HE THINKS IS THE PACKAGE! I'LL SEND A WIRE TO PICK UP HIS TRAIL AT THE BRIDGE—
MEANWHILE, WE HAVE THE OTHER ONE—LOTHAR!
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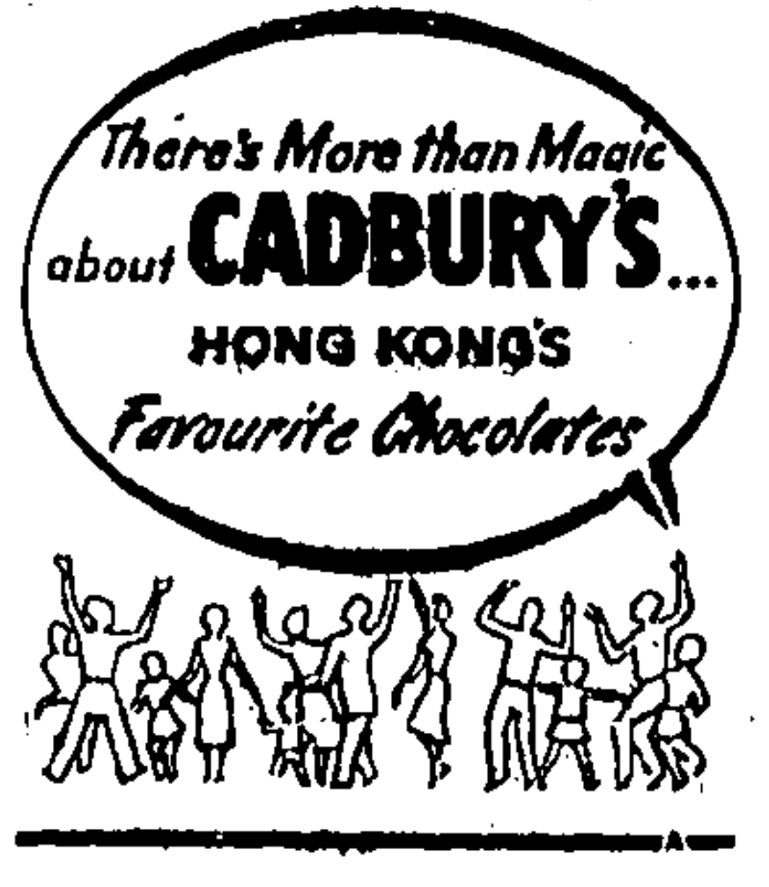

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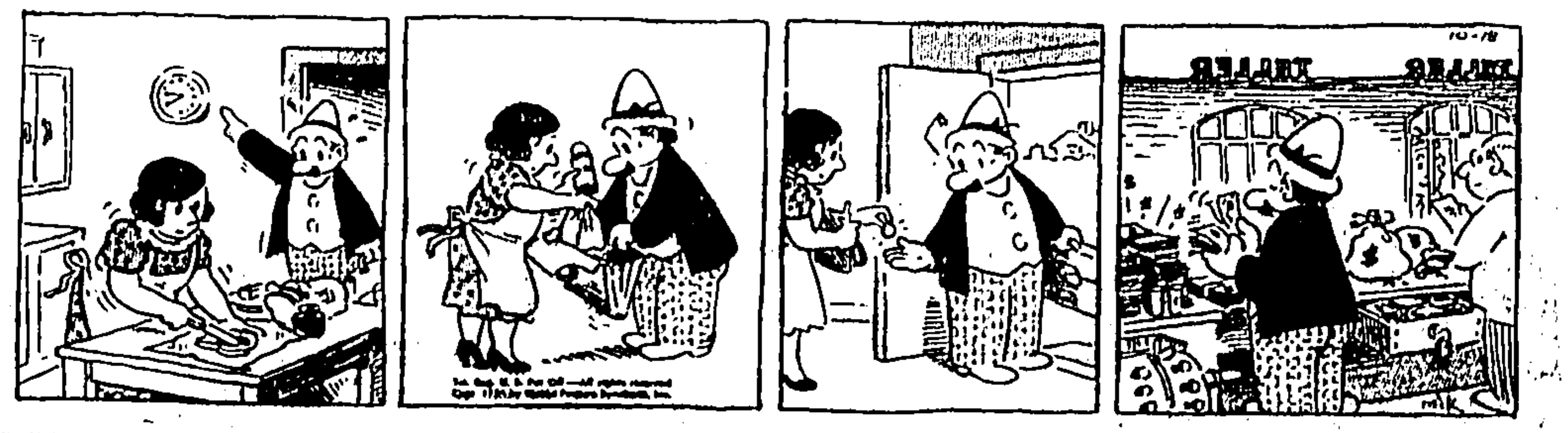

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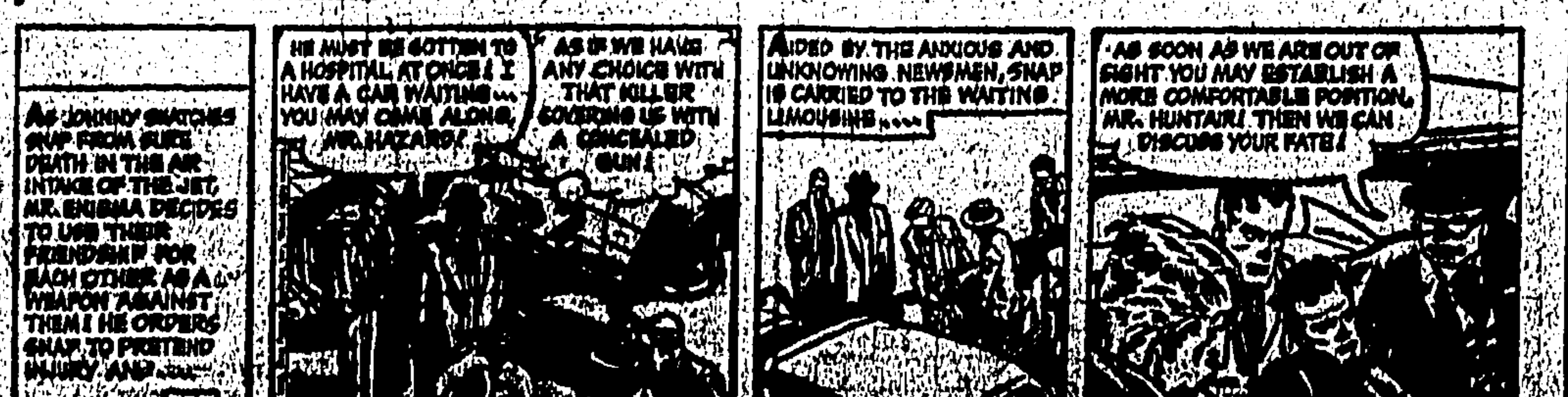
By Frank Robbins


AS JOHNNY SNATCHES SNAP FROM SURE DEATH IN THE AIR INTAKE OF THE JET, MR. ENIGMA DECIDES TO USE THEIR FRIENDSHIP FOR EACH OTHER AS A WEAPON AGAINST THEM! HE ORDERS SNAP TO PRETEND INJURY AND....
HE MUST BE GOTTEN TO A HOSPITAL AT ONCE! I HAVE A CAR WAITING... YOU MAY COME ALONG, MR. HAZARD!
AS IF WE HAVE ANY CHOICE WITH THAT KILLER COVERING US WITH A CONCEALED GUN!
AIDED BY THE ANXIOUS AND UNKNOWING NEWSMEN, SNAP IS CARRIED TO THE WAITING LIMOUSINE....
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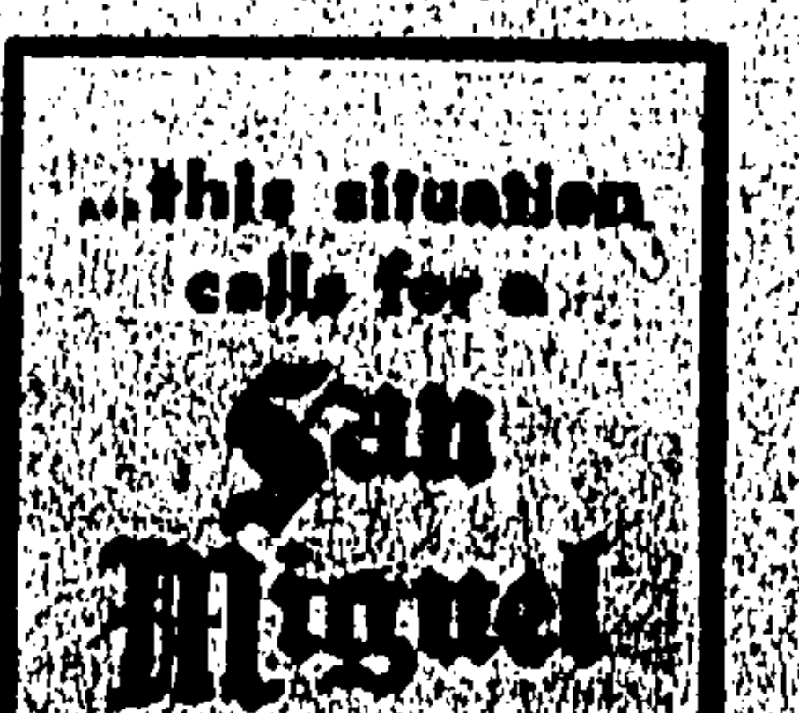

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SPECIAL NOTE: With the exception of hand packages carried by passengers themselves, ALL BAGGAGE must pass through the Wharf Co.'s Godown for loading on board by ship's slings only.

EMBARKATION: Passengers should embark between 9.30 and 11.00 a.m. on 23rd December, 1956.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

HK DOCKS AT ALL-TIME HIGH

Bonus Announcement Stimulates Demand

WHEELOCKS RISE

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

AS 1956 draws to a close the share market holds to a quietly steady course with interest centred on two shares—Docks and Wheelocks.

Docks moved up sharply this week to $48 on the company's announcement that subject to the satisfactory completion of the sale of land in Hunghom, a bonus of $5 a share will be paid to shareholders in the New Year.

The price of $48 is an all-time high. They closed the week slightly below their best at $47.50, up $2.50 since last Thursday.

Shareholders lucky enough to get them at their $12 low in 1951, or even their $23.40 low last year must be highly satisfied with the share's performance, particularly this year.

Outstanding Share

It is undoubtedly the outstanding share of the year. They paid a $2 dividend together with a $1.50 bonus in April and close $16.50 above their $31 low this year.

The other share to shine this week was Wheelocks which moved up 20 cents to $7.10.

Another share — Hongkong and Far East Investment dropped sharply by 70 cents to $9.30 buyers. They sold at this price earlier this week on a turnover of 3,900 shares.

I do not know the reason for the fall.

Turnover Down

Apart from these shares, movements have been fractional either way. The market closes with sixteen shares steady, seven higher and five lower. Last week the tally was eleven steady, fourteen lower and three higher.

Turnover is down from $3.45 million to $2.435 million.

Here is an authoritative Ice House Street comment on the week's trading:

"The Stock market has experienced another week of generally dull trading conditions with the result that turnovers have been small and the total less than $2.5 million.

"In spite of this, prices have been well maintained with two issues showing good gains from the previous week's close, namely Wheelocks and Docks.

"The former have been making steady progress during the month, whilst the sharp rise in Docks on Monday to $48 was due to the announcement that, subject to the satisfactory completion of the sale of property in Hunghom, the directors will recommend a bonus payment of $5 a share in the New Year.

"Elsewhere, price changes have been negligible with no one particular section calling for special comment."

Broker's View

T/T is up slightly from $6.125 to $6.155 and this has possibly drawn money away from the share market.

But a broker I spoke to yesterday said "a number of people holding money in various commodities as an investment are finding that they are yielding really well and are not inclined to sell at the moment.

"Other people like to be liquid (financially) over the New Year and buy in again in January."

A brief look at the market. Banks are steady at $1,590. Unions are fractionally up at $955.

Blue Chips Firm

Incidentally I said last week that Union Insurance had a London register. A reader informs me they have not. The Hongkong register shares are quoted on the London market. I apologise for this error.

In the dock section, Wharves are steady at $91 and Providents are 10 cents down at $13.60. All counters in the land section are steady.

Blue chips are firm. Trams and Telephones are slightly higher, Yaumatis, Stars and Electrics are steady and China Lights are fractionally easier.

Cements are 50 cents lower at $38 and A.S. Watson have also lost 50 cents to $13.10.

In the textile section, Nanyangs ex dividend have added 10 cents.

A Tribute

Finally, a word about the late Mr Ezra Abraham:

In 1954 he and another leading broker helped me start this column and I am deeply indebted to the kindly advice and help he gave me with those first reports. Then they used to appear occasionally—when the market news justified it—and later fortnightly.

I recall his great patience when I used to call in at his office in Telephone House after an extremely dull week and ask "But isn't there anything at all to say?"

Invariably he would offer a suggestion about some particular share or a possible reason for the current trend of the market. I am most thankful for his kindness and for all the lucid background talks he gave me on the Hongkong share market.

Diary Of The Week

Here is a diary of the week:

Friday:	Price movements negligible. T/0 $388,000
Monday:	Market lacked interest. Trading on a light-scale with virtually no change in prices. T/0 $475,000
Tuesday:	Market ruled steady. T/0: $680,000.
Wednesday:	Market again on the quiet side. T/0: $372,000.
Thursday:	No material change. T/0: $520,000.

★ The Share Market At A Glance ★

	Nov 22	Nov 29	Dec 6	Dec 13	Dec 20	Up or down
HK Bank	1565	1560	1560	1590	1590	steady
Lombard	41s	43n	42s	40n	40n	steady
Union	967½	967½	965n	950	955n	+$5
Underwriters	8.80n	8.80n	8.80n	8.80n	8.80n	steady
Union W'hoat	23.50n	23.50n	23.40s	23.20	23.20s	steady
Wheelocks	6.50	6.55	7	6.90	7.10	+20c
HK Wharf	89b	91	91½b	91m	91m	steady
HK Docks	44n	44m	45	45	47½	+$2.50
Provident	13.50s	13b	13.70	13.80s	13.60	—10c
HK Hotels	14.50	14.70	15	14.80	14.80b	steady
HK Lands	61½	61	62	61	61b	steady
Humphreys	19s	18.80n	18.80n	18.80n	18.80n	steady
HK Realty	1.25b	1.325	1.375	1.375m	1.375	steady
HK Trams	22.40	22.60b	23.50	23.10	23.20	+10c
Star Ferry	141n	141n	141s	140s	140n	steady
Yaumatis	100	101	105	103	103	steady
Ch Lights	23.20	23.80	24xd	23.60	23.50	—10c
Electric	30¼	30¾	32	31¾	31¾	steady
HK Telephone	23.50	23.90	24.90	24.50m	24.70	+20c
G.I. Cement	36¾m	37	39	38½s	38	—50c
Dairy Farm	14.20	14.40	15.30	15.10	15.20	+10c
A.S. Watson	13.20n	13.20s	13.60	13.60n	13.10b	—50c
Lane Crawford	29.40	29.40	29.40n	29.40n	29.50s	steady
Yangtsze	5.80n	5.70	5.85	5.90n	5.90n	steady
Allied	4.95n	5.055	4.95n	5s	4.95n	steady
HK & FF Inv	10s	10n	10n	10s	9.30b	—70c
Textile Corp	4.05n	4	4.40	4.40n	4.40n	steady
Nanyang	7.50s	7.50s	7.30m	7.35b	7.10nxd	+10c

Gas Company's $4 Million Issue

I learn that Hongkong and China Gas Co. Ltd., have received permission to raise new capital totalling £255,935 or $HK4,094,960.

The Capital Issues Committee in London granted the company's recent application.

This means the company will issue 127,968 fully paid £1 shares by way of capitalising reserves, 102,374 £1 shares for cash at par by way of rights in the proportion of two for five, and 25,593 £1 shares to be allotted for cash at par under an obligation.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately $270,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions.

BANKS			
HK Bank ..	1580		5 @ 1590
East Asia ..	244		
SHIPPING			
Asia Nav. ..			500 @ 1.15
Wheelock			
" (O)	7.05	7.20	
" (N)	6.60	6.70	
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf .	90½	92	
Dock	47½	48	60 @ 47½ 500 @ 48
Provident			
" (O)	13.40	13.60	
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel .	14.60	15	500 @ 14.90
HK Land ..	61	61½	400 @ 61
Realty	1.35	1.40	
RUBBER			
Amalg.	1.50	1.55½	4000 @ 1.52½
Trust		1.65	1000 @ 1.60
A. Tawah .	1.35		1000 @ 1.45
UTILITIES			
Tram	23	23.30	100 @ 23.10 200 @ 23.30 2000 @ 23.10
Star Ferry .		140	
Yaumati ..	102	104	
Ch. Light (O)	23.40	23.60	
Electric	31½	31¾	800 @ 31¾ 500 @ 31½
Macao E. ..	[illegible]		
Telephone			
" (O)	24.60	25	
" (N)	23½		200 @ 23.70
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	37½	38	
Rope	[illegible]		
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	15	15.30	

LATE SELLING SPREE ON WALL STREET

New York, Dec. 20.

A flurry of late selling in steels, metals, chemicals and rails capped a generally dull pre-holiday session in stocks.

The modest acceleration in selling was enough to give the market a loss of 3.37 points in the industrial average, 1.63 in rails and .01 point in utilities although the main body of the list held in a very narrow range.

Much of the selling was attributed to profit-taking in recent strong issues as Lukens Steel which had run up over ten points in the first two sessions this week. It closed with a loss of 5 points to $161½.

Traders generally were hesitant to extend commitments in view of four-day Christmas holiday.

Most market analysts look for a typical year-end rally to get under way next week, possibly pushing the industrial average through the 500 resistance level.

Prices in the steels, aside from Lukens, ran over 2 points in Youngstown Sheet and Tube.

Losses in rails extended over 2 points in Louisville & Nashville.

Of a total 1,203 issues traded, 626 were lower, 310 higher, 267 unchanged. There were 16 new highs set, 77 new lows.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was $4,500,000.

American Stock Exchange volume was 910,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 industrials	490.44
20 rails	152.20
15 utilities	67.26
65 stocks	171.38
40 bonds	89.80
Comm. future price index ..	161.02
Comm. spot price index	160.22

Closing Prices

Alden Inc. Acy.	$ 16½
Allied Chemicals	95¾
Allied Mills Inc.	30
Allis Chalmers	32¼
American Airline	23⅞
American Cable & Radio Corp.	8
American Cyanamide Co.	76⅝
Amer. & Forgn. Power	13¾
American Metal	27¾
American Smelting	50¼
American Tel & Tel	167¾
American Tob. "B"	72¾
Anaconda Copper	72½
Armco Steel	65
Armour	17⅞
Atlas Cons. Mining	23
Baltimore & Ohio	40⅞
Bendix Aviation Corp.	60⅝
Benguet Cons.	1⅝
Bethlehem Steel	168
Boeing Airplane	62⅞
Borden (The) Co.	55¼
Burroughs Add Machine	39⅝
Canadian Pacific R.	33⅝
Case (J. I.) Co.	13⅝
Cat. Tractor	68
Celanese Corp.	19⅞
C. I. T. Financial Corp.	39¾
Chase Manhat. Bank	48⅞
Chrysler Motors	70⅝
Climax Molybdenum	65
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	41⅞
Commercial Credit	46⅞
Commonwealth Elec.	48⅞
Consolidated Edison	44⅞
Continental Oil of Del.	127¼
Crane Co.	33¼
Crown Zellerbach	54⅞
Cuban Amer. Sugar	21⅞
Diamond Alkali	55⅞
Dow Chemicals	[illegible]
Dupont de Nemours	188⅝
Eastman Kodak	87⅞
El Paso National Gas	56
Erie Railroad	21⅝
Ford Motor	55⅝
General Electric	61⅞
General Foods	44
General Motors	43¾
Gen. Pub. Util.	36⅝
Getty Oil	[illegible]
Glidden Co.	34¼
Goodrich (B.F.) Co.	77¾
Goodyear Tire	[illegible]
Heyden Chemical	12⅞
Homestake Mining Co.	34⅝
Ingersoll-Rand	[illegible]
Inland Steel Co.	[illegible]
Int'l Business Machines	[illegible]
Int'l Harvester	[illegible]
International Nickel	[illegible]
International Paper	[illegible]
Int'l Tel & Tel	30⅞

John-Manville Co	46⅝
Kennecott Copper	120
Lockheed Aircraft	56½
Loews Incorp.	19⅝
Lone Star Cement Co	91
Lowenstein & Sons	21⅝
Mesabi Iron Corp.	50⅞
Minnesota Mining	64⅞
Mission Development	32¼
Montgomery Ward	36⅝
Motorola Inc.	39⅝
National Cash Reg. "A"	49¼
National Lead	108⅛
New York Central	33
Otis Elevators	43¾
Owen-Illinois Glass	93⅝
Pacific Gas & Elec.	50
Pan American Airways	18⅝
Paramount Pictures	29
Parke Davis Co	47¾
Penn. Salt Co.	57¼
Philip Morris	41⅞
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	83
Publicker Industries	8
Pure Oil	43¼
Radio Corporation	34¾
Republic Steel	59⅝
Reynolds Metal	61⅞
Shell Oil Co.	82⅞
Sinclair Oil	61⅝
Socony Mobil Oil	53⅝
South Puerto Rico Sugar	31⅞
Southern National Gas	36⅝
Southern Railway (Com.)	45
Steep Rock (Torontoex.)	19⅝
Standard Brands	37¼
Standard Oil of Cal.	49⅝
Standard Oil of Ind.	61⅞
Standard Oil of N.J.	58⅞
Sterling Drug Co.	32
Stokely-Van Camp	18⅝
Studebaker-Packard Corp.	6⅝
Swift & Co.	38⅝
Texas Co.	57⅞
Tide Water Assn Oil	38⅝
Twenty Century Fox Film	22⅞
Union Carbide	113¼
Union Pacific Railway	30¼
United Aircraft	93⅝
U.S. Foil "B"	41¼
U.S. Gypsum	58
U. S. Line Co.	34⅞
U.S. Rubber	47⅞
U.S. Smelting	60
U.S. Steel	71⅝
Warner Bros.	26⅝
Westinghouse Electric	54⅝
Woolworth	43⅝

—United Press.

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Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	6.17
Sterling notes (per £1)	16.06
Australian notes (per £1)	12.60
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	10.10
Siam tical (per 100)	27.68
Singapore (Straits)	1.80

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Dec. 20.

The No. 1 Rss rubber futures closed today unchanged with no sales reported.

Dec.	30.00

The rex contract closed 30 to 50 points higher with sales of 58 contracts.

Jan.	36.70
Mar.	36.10
May	36.30
July	35.96
Sept.	35.55
Nov.	35.00
Jan.	34.55

Standard contract closed unchanged to 40 points higher with no sales reported.

Dec.	35.90
Mar.	36.60
May	36.20
July	35.85
Nov.	34.95
Jan.	34.40

Pre-holiday conditions became more apparent in all sections of the rubber trade today, with steadiness in futures reflecting the trend of foreign market and a lack of pressure generally. Factory interest in the spot market continued negligible. Shipment offerings were reported in "fair" volume but at prices too high to attract buyer interest. Spot No. 1 Rss was quoted nominally at 36½ cents a pound.

SINGAPORE

The market opened on lower overseas advices but it steadied on short covering and reserve of sellers.

Future closings were:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	
January	109½-109¾
February	107½-108¾
No. 2 rubber per lb. Jan.	107½-108
No. 3 rubber per lb. Jan.	104½-106
No. 4 rubber per lb. Jan.	101-102
Spot rubber unbaled	112-113
Blanket crepe	88-90
No. 1 pale crepe	131-133

LONDON

The market was very steady with spot quoted at 31⅛ pence.

Prices:

No. 1 Rss spot	31¾-32
Settlement house term:	
February	32-32⅛
March	31⅞-31½
April	30⅞-31
May/June	30⅝-30⅝
July/Sept.	30⅝-30⅝
Oct./Dec.	30⅝-30⅝

AMSTERDAM

The market was quiet. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, cif Jan, as follows:

No. 1 rubber	3.08 nom.
No. 2 rubber	3.06 nom.
No. 3 rubber	3.01 nom.
No. 1 crepe	3.00 nom.

—United Press.

New York Cotton Futures Quiet But Make Gains

New York, Dec. 20.

Cotton trading today continued extremely quiet, although prices managed to show a small gain most of the time.

Routine domestic mill and other trade buying over-topped a reduced volume of hedge-selling and liquidation.

Interest centred mainly in nearby months. New crop deliveries were relatively neglected in face of continuing uncertainties about future government cotton policy and the probable rate next season.

At the close the list ruled up 7 to off 1 point. The market opened unchanged to up 3 points. New Orleans closed up 6 to off 1 point on bids.

Ring observers thought the volume was less than the 18,200 bales reported for Wednesday. This was the smallest volume for a full session in the records of the commodity Exchange Administration, dating back to 1937.

Technicians attributed the steady shrinkage in exchange trading to the loan programme and the Government export programme for disposing of surplus stocks at cut-rate prices. This method by-passes normal hedging operations on the exchange.

Loan impoundings for the week ended Dec. 14 increased to 220,841 bales compared with 194,032 bales in the preceding week. The net stock of 1956 crop cotton under loan amounted to 3,237,350 bales, plus 6,038,618 bales held from the 1955 loan programme.

The certificated stock remained at 2,954 bales.

Month	Volume	Open interest
Dec.	none	600
Mar.	5,200	366,300
May	5,100	400,200
July	1,400	164,700
Oct.	3,900	144,800
Dec.	1,300	166,900
Mar.	1,000	27,500
May	300	8,000
Total	18,200	1,209,000 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	34.55n
March	33.90
May	33.85
July	33.56
October	32.08
December	32.04
March	32.08
May	32.80

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	33.60
March	33.96
May	33.80
July	33.54
October	32.08
December	32.04
March	32.90
May	32.82

LIVERPOOL

Closings in pence per lb. were as follows:

Old contract	
Dec./Jan.	20.60
Mar./Apr.	20.55
May/June	26.25
July/Aug.	25.90
Oct./Dec.	25.72
New contract	
Dec./Jan.	27.30
Mar./Apr.	27.00
May/June	26.60
July/Aug.	26.20
Oct./Nov.	25.32
Egyptian Karnak Nov./Dec.	60.00

SAO PAULO

Future closings in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

May	37.75
July	38.20
December	38.30

In the US the average spot price was unavailable. Sales totalled 37,624 bales.—United Press.

New York Foreign Exchange

New York, Dec. 20.

Closing rates were:

Canada		$1.04¾
England	official	2.78-9/16
"	unofficial	2.64-2.66
"	90-day future	2.76
Australia		2.22-15/16
New Zealand		—
South Africa		2.79
Belgium		.0199¾
India		.2090
Pakistan		.2092

—United Press.

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London Foreign Exchange

London, Dec. 20.

Closing rates were:

New York	2.78¾-2.78-9/10
Montreal	2.07⅝-2.07¾
Amsterdam	10.66-10.66¼
Brussels	140.10-140.12½
Copenhagen	19.37¾-19.38
Oslo	19.92¼-19.92¾
Paris	982⅝-982¾
Stockholm	14.45¼-14.45⅝
Zurich	12.23¾-12.24¼

—United Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, Dec. 20.

World No. 4 sugar futures closed today 2 to 5 points lower with sales of 204 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed today 1 to 2 points lower with sales of 135 contracts.

Profit-taking and hedge selling dominated in the world contract.

In domestic futures, 50 contracts in nearby May were posted against business in actuals.

World raws were inactive. The Sudan reportedly purchased 15,000 tons of British refined for February shipment. Pakistan purchased two cargoes of Formosan refined, dealers understood. Futures:

Contract No. 4 (world)

March	4.78
May	4.70-71
July	4.70
September	4.70
March	4.41
Spot-(cents per lb. fob Cuba)	4.85

Contract No. 6

March	5.71
May	5.70
July	5.70
September	5.60
Spot-(cents per lb. cif NY (x-duty)	5.85

—United Press.

NAMESAKES

Answers:—1 Stars, 2 America, 3 Water, 4 Storms, 5 Bearing, 6 Navigation, 7 Coast, 8 Voyage, 9 Fleet, 10 Vessel, 11 Spain, 12 Portugal, 13 Discovered, 14 Current, 15 Tide.

Amerigo Vespucci (Explorer whose name is said to be the origin of the name "America").

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

The Early Stroller

IT was three o'clock in the morning and a spare-built man, whose clothes were ancient and threadbare, was strolling along a quiet street in Clerkenwell in the aimless, pensive way in which a rich man might stroll through his garden on a summer afternoon.

The man's name was Eric, and he was rich in only one respect—he had a lot of time on his hands. More time, indeed, than was convenient. For he had not the price or prospect of a bed or a meal. He was seeing the cold night through the hard way.

YOU KNOW WHAT FOR

AT one moment, Eric seemed to have the whole sleeping town to himself. Next moment the situation drastically altered. A police patrol car swept into the street, its lights picked out Eric's gaunt figure, and all of a sudden there seemed to be policemen everywhere.

"It's him, all right," the policemen said to each other, and to Eric said: "We're arresting you—you know what for."

Eric nodded. He knew—without the policeman reciting the crime in full, as it was read a few hours later in the Clerkenwell court.

SIT TIGHT

"YOU are charged," said the learned clerk to Eric, "that as a person subject to the first Schedule of the Prison Act 1912, you failed to report to a police station."

"But that's wrong, I ...." Eric began.

"Well, all you have to do," said the magistrate, Mr Frank Powell, "is to sit tight and let the police try to prove that you are guilty."

Eric sat, and the police began the story of his latest crime. It boiled down to the fact, that being a man of so many convictions, he should, on his last release from prison, have reported his address to the police. He had failed to do so.

I'M BARRED

THE magistrate listened for a few moments, then turned to Eric and said: "Would you like to be tried by a magistrate who hasn't seen so much of you as I have?"

"Och, no, you carry on," Eric said good-humouredly.

Police and magistrate carried on, until the story was done. Then it was Eric's turn to speak. "How could I report an address?" he said. "I only come out of prison three days ago, and I've not found anywhere to live since then. You see I'm barred at the lodgings...."

"You might have given the address of King's Cross police station," the magistrate suggested. "You're well enough known there."

Eric managed a grin of sorts.

PROBLEMS

"I'M quite satisfied the judge told you that you must report," said the magistrate, and turning to the police officer, inquired: "How many times has he been here, 40 at least, surely?"

"Thirty-six times," the policeman said.

"Usually for hanging about King's Cross, touting, isn't it?"

The policeman nodded. Mr Powell turned again to Eric. "It's a pity, you know, that you can't find something better to do with your life," he said. "You're only 56. I'm not going to send you to prison now. If there's anything you want to know about what you're to do about reporting, a police officer will tell you in the gaoler's room."

Eric nodded, and left, and sought and received advice. Then he went out into the winter streets again. He still had other problems for company. He still had no place to live, and he still had not the price of a bed or a meal.

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Commons Adjourns

London, Dec. 20.

The House of Commons tonight decided to adjourn for a month as from tomorrow by a vote of 165 to 85.—France-Presse.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O., Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS ARRANGEMENTS

On Sunday, December 23, 1956, the public counters at the Victoria, Sheungwan, Wanchai, Saiyingpun, Kowloon central, Shamshuipo and Yaumati post offices will open for business from 9 a.m. to noon.

There will be one delivery of correspondence commencing at 10 a.m. and one collection from the pillar boxes.

The box lobbies at the Victoria and Kowloon Central post offices will open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sheungwan, Wanchai and Shamshuipo from 9 a.m. to noon only.

On Tuesday, December 25, all post offices will be closed. There will be one general delivery of correspondence commencing at 10 a.m.

On Wednesday, December 26, there will be no delivery. The public counters at the Victoria, Sheungwan, Wanchai, Kowloon Central and Shamshuipo post offices will open for business from 9 a.m. to noon.

On December 25, 26, the box lobbies at the Victoria and Kowloon Central post offices will open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sheungwan, Wanchai and Shamshuipo from 9 a.m. to noon only.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

By Air

Formosa, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.
Canada, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.

By Surface

Aden, Egypt, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

By Air

Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kunming, 7 a.m.
Thailand, Malaya, North Borneo, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, 10 a.m.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Thailand, India, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Indo-China, France, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, Korea, 6 p.m.

By Surface

China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Formosa, 9 a.m.
Netherland & Germany parcels only (direct), 10 a.m.
Mauritius, S. Africa, Brazil, (Argentine, Parcels direct), 11 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
India, Pakistan, Iraq, 2 p.m.
Thailand, 2 p.m.
Indonesia, 4 p.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, Great Britain, Europe, 4 p.m.
Japan, U.S.A., Central & S. America, 5 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

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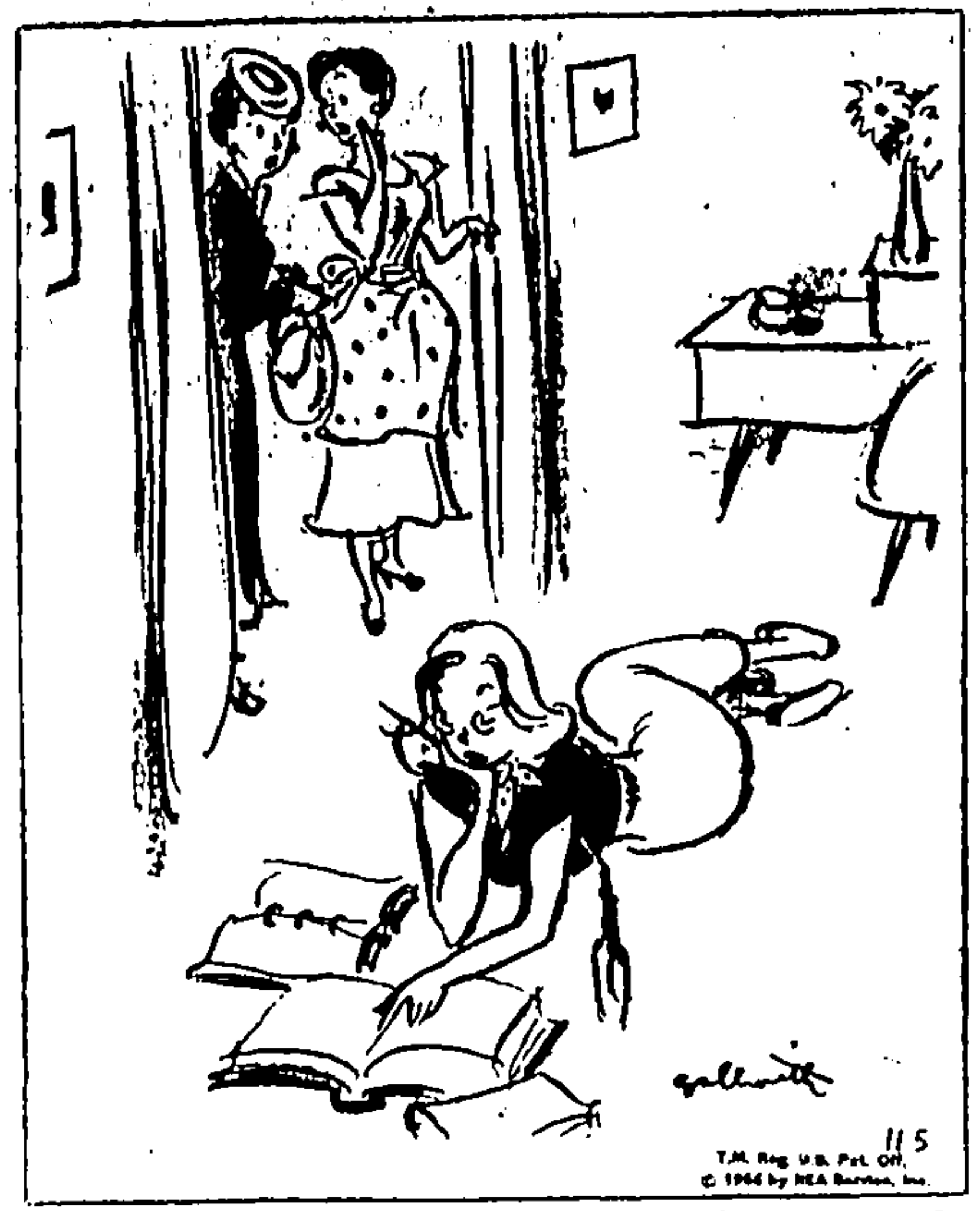
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Share Issue Approved

The Directors of The Hongkong & China Gas Co., Ltd. announce that telegraphic advice has been received to the effect that the Capital Issues Committee of HM Treasury has approved the issue of 102,374 Ordinary shares of £1 each at par; 127,968 Ordinary shares of £1 each, credited as fully paid, by way of Capitalisation of Reserves; and 25,593 Ordinary shares of £1 each to be allotted for cash at par under an obligation.

Full particulars will be circulated to shareholders in due course.

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Radio Hongkong

5.30, Children's Programme—"Looking at Things" (BBCTS), 'More about Newspapers'; 5.55, Stock Market Report; 6, Time Signal, Programme Summary; 6.02, Popularity Poll presented by Ted Thomas; 6.30, "Ten Stars for ten Years"—(The UNICEF Story) A half-hour feature about UNICEF—The United Nations Children's Fund—recording ten years of effort on behalf of millions of children. Narrated by Celeste Holm, starring many leading Hollywood personalities, including Bing Crosby, Greer Garson, Danny Kaye and Audrey Hepburn; 6.59, Weather Report; 7, Time Signal and the News; 70.9, Commentary or Stop Press Item; 7.15, Memories of the Opera and Ballet (BBCTS) — Excerpts from the opera repertoire of The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, introduced by Alec Robertson; 7.45, Going to the Pictures—The Critics discuss the pictures they have seen this week; Chairman, Timothy Birch; 8, Music of the Moment—Featuring Hit Songs of today and tomorrow, compiled and presented by Hilary Green; 8.30, "High Society" (Cole Porter)—Excerpts from the film starring: Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly, and Frank Sinatra, Celeste Holm and Louis Armstong and his Orchestra; 9, Time Signal: The News and Home News from Britain; 9.15, Music Lovers Hour—classical Requests presented by Aileen Dekker; 10.15, Music from British Films; 10.30, The Wayfarers sing Folk Songs from Many Lands; 10.59, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal; Radio News Reel; 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m., Variety Calls the Tune; 3, Musical Matinee; 3.30, Strike Up the Band; 4, Romances of the World—Mary Ann Clark; 4.15, Music for Christmas; 4.30, Musical A.B.C.; 5, Children's Corner—"The Enchanted Nutcracker"; 5.30, Friday Requests—Presented by Betty; 6.29, Birthday Mailbag; 6.30, The Tops in Popular Music; 6.45, The House of Peter McGovern; 7, Time Signal and the News; 7.09, Weather Report, Announcements and Interlude; 7.15, Christmas Music played by the Torch Strings; 7.20, Eddie Fisher with Axel Stordahl's Orchestra; 7.45, "A Christmas Story"; 8, Personality Parade—Mel Blanc; 8.15, Fiesta Time; 8.27, Passing the Buck—Conducted by Prof. Wimple with a panel including Paul Drew, Stephanie Tyler, Jerry Lewis and Daphne Newman; 9, Time Signal, News and Home News from Britain; 9.15, Symphony Hall—Le Cid—Ballet Suite (Massenet) (played by the Boston Promenade Orchestra, conducted by Arthur Fielder) Havanaise, Opus 83 (Saint-Saens) (played by Jascha Heifetz, with the London Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Sir John Barbirolli) Variations Symphoniques for Piano and Orchestra (Caesar Franck) (played by Myra Hess, with the City of Birmingham Orchestra, conducted by Basil Cameron); 10, Rediffusion Spotlight—Interview with Movie Star William Holden; 10.15, Magic and Moonlight; 10.30, A Life of Bliss—A Series of Episodes concerning the life of David Alexander Bliss, written by Godfrey Harrison; 11, Carols for Christmas; 11.15, Date with Dreamland; 11.30, Prelude to Midnight; 12 Mid., "God Save the Queen"; Close Down.

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The resignation of Acting Flight Lieutenant F.M. Rozario from the Hongkong Auxiliary Air Force has been accepted, the Gazette announced this morning.

Shanghai Dockyards Co. Meeting

A net profit of HK$67,577.91 for the year ending September 30, 1956, was reported by the Chairman (Mr B. T. Flanagan) at the 17th annual general meeting of the Shanghai Dockyards, Ltd, held at the Office of the secretaries, Jardine, Matheson, & Co, today.

The Chairman also reported that the Company's assets in China are still under requisition to the Chinese authorities.

The Chairman said:

The situation of the Company as reported by me last year has remained virtually unchanged, the Company's properties in China still being under requisition by the People's Government and the Company's U.S. Dollar Investment and Bank Balance still being blocked under an U.S. Treasury Order.

The gross income for the year, most of which is frozen, has increased from $72,935.03 to $78,749.37 while expenses have remained almost unchanged at $11,171.46 leaving a net profit of $67,577.91 which the Board proposes to carry forward to next year bringing the total credit balance on Profit and Loss Account up to $229,486.02. The Directors have again waived their fees for the past year.

I have no further comment which I can usefully add to the Directors' Report.

REPORT ADOPTED

The Chairman's proposal that the Directors' report and statement of accounts be adopted was seconded by Mr J. H. Liddell and carried.

Mr H. D. M. Barton was re-elected a Director on the proposal of Mr Flanagan, seconded by Mr Liddell. Mr B. T. Flanagan was also re-elected a Director on the proposal of Mr I. D. Bruce, seconded by Mr A. E. Ridout.

Messrs Lowe, Bingham & Matthews were re-elected auditors.

Present at the meeting were Messrs B. T. Flanagan (Chairman), J. H. Liddel (Director), H. D. M. Barton (Director), C. A. Adam (Representing Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.), I. D. Ridout, H. Sidbury (Representing the Secretaries), and I. D. Bruce.

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Officers Return To Colony

Lieutenant-Commander L. D. Kilbee has ceased to act as Commanding Officer, Hongkong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, upon the return of Commander W. P. Goodfellow, the Gazette notified this morning.

The Gazette also notified that Lieut R. E. Read has ceased to act in the rank of Captain and in the post of Officer Commanding Control and Reporting Troops, RHKDF, on the return of Captain W. E. Barrett.

Captain F. V. V. Ribeiro also ceased to act in the rank of Major and in the post of Officer Commanding Pay Section, RHKDF, on the return of Major M. N. Rakusen, the Gazette announced.

TRIBUTES PAID TO MEMORY OF SOLICITOR

Tributes to the memory of the late Mr David Tong Man-yue, solicitor of Peter Mo and Co., who died on Wednesday after a short illness, were paid at an assembly of the legal profession at the Full Court this morning.

Speeches were given by the Chief Justice, Mr Justice M. J. Hogan; the Hon. Arthur Ridehalgh, QC, Attorney-General; the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, Leader of the Bar; and Mr J. M. d'Almada Remedios, President of the Hongkong Law Society.

On the Bench with the Chief Justice were Mr Justice T. J. Gould, Senior Puisne Judge; and Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, Puisne Judge.

Present were the District Judges, officials of the judiciary and members of both sections of the legal profession in the Colony.

The Chief Justice said: Mr Attorney—We are gathered together here this morning to mark our sorrow and regret at the passing of a member of our profession, Mr Man-yue Tong, who died two days ago from the effects of leukaemia

This year, we have lost a number of our colleagues, but the sorrow and regret which we always feel when some member of our profession is taken from us, is made all the keener on this occasion by the fact that Mr Tong has died at such a very early age.

He was born in Hongkong in 1921 and he has been associated with the Colony from the very beginning of his life. He was educated at St Joseph's College and in July 1941, he passed the University matriculation examination. He was articled on November 30, 1949 to Mr Brooks of Messrs Hastings & Co. for five years. In December 1953 he went to England, he took a course with Messrs Gibson & Weldon, and he passed the final examination there in November 1954. In March 1955 he was admitted as a solicitor and in the same year he joined the firm of Messrs Peter Mo & Co. as an assistant solicitor.

SOUND ADVOCATE

It is therefore less than two years since he began the practice of his profession in this country, and like most young solicitors, at the outset the bulk of his practice insofar as the courts were concerned, was in the District Court and in the magistrates courts, where he had already built up a reputation for hard work and sound advocacy. He was a man of a high sense of responsibility, and having been so well trained for his profession and having already shown aptitude and ability in it, it is particularly tragic that the public should lose his services at so very early an age.

He will be missed by us here, both as a friend and a colleague, and he will, I am afraid, be very sadly missed as a husband and a father, because he leaves behind a widow and two children, one aged six and the other aged four. To them, on behalf of my brothers in the Supreme Court and all my colleagues in the Judiciary and all those who work in the Judiciary, I would like to express our very sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

The Attorney-General said: On behalf of the members of the Law Officers Department, I would wish to be associated with the words that have fallen from my Lord the Chief Justice. Apart from my having moved this Court for Mr Tong's admission as a solicitor in March 1955, he was scarcely known to me and he was not much in contact with the members of my department. It is however a very sorrowful thing when a man is cut off in his prime and at the beginning of his career, and we would wish to extend our sympathy to his family and to his relatives.

HIGH STANDARD

Mr d'Almada said: I didn't know Mr Tong, but from what I have heard from other members of the Bar and from what has fallen from my Lord the President of the Court today, it is obvious that he is a man who has gone very far in the practice of his profession. We of the Bar would respectfully wish to be associated with the sympathy expressed by your Lordship and by the learned Attorney-General to his family and its members in their sad loss.

Mr d'Almada Remedios said: The Members of the Law Society of Hongkong desire to associate themselves with the expression of sympathy extended by my Lord the Chief Justice, the learned Attorney, and Senior Member of the Bar to the family of the late Mr Tong. What was said of Mr Tong by my Lord the Chief Justice leaves very little for me to add, except that although young in the profession he had shown that he was a lawyer of no mean ability. His conduct in the affairs of his profession was of a high standard and had earned for himself the regard and respect of all those that had to deal with him. It is indeed sad that his career was cut off at the prime of life.

In private life, I was informed by those who were rather more intimate with him, that he was a very dutiful son, a very considerate father and a very loving husband. To his bereaved wife we offer our condolence.

IN HIGH ESTEEM

At Kowloon Court this morning, Mr I. T. Morris paid a tribute to the memory of Mr David Tong Man-yue.

The magistrate said Mr Tong had always been held in high esteem. He expressed his sympathy towards Mr Tong's widow and two children.

Mr G. H. H. Golby, Secretary of the Law Society, who was present in Court, associated himself with Mr Morris' remarks.

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SECOND TERM FOR BA U

Rangoon, Dec. 21.

Burma's ruling political party has decided to re-elect President Ba U for a second four-year term.

The anti-Fascist People's Freedom League made the decision, to halt rumours that another President would be elected when Dr Ba U's present term expires in March 1957.

Burma's Presidents are elected by a joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament, controlled by the AFPFL. It will be the first time a Burmese President has served two consecutive terms.—United Press.

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Posted to Reserve

The Gazette announced this morning the posting of the following officers of the Hongkong Regiment, Royal Hongkong Defence Force, to the Royal Hongkong Defence Force Reserve of Officers:

Captain A. P. Pereira, Captain C. W. Norris and Lieut Yu Fook-sang.

Driver's Application Refused

Ng But-sum, of 3 New Public Square Street, Kowloon, was fined $600 or two months' imprisonment by Mr I. T. Morris at Kowloon on December 18 on charges of driving private car for hire and driving without third party insurance.

In addition, his licence was ordered to be disqualified for 12 months.

This morning, defendant's solicitor, Mr Peter Mo of Peter Mo and Company told the Magistrate that Ng earns his living driving. He said that the defendant would lose his job if his licence were disqualified for 12 months. Mr Mo also pointed out that the offence was committed at 5 in the morning and there were no bus services operating. His passengers were anxious to procure transport to Taimshatsui in order to catch a train to Canton. Mr Mo suggested defendant was performing a public service by helping these people.

Sub-Inspector J. Wilson, appearing for prosecution, opposed the application. He said that the defendant was not a public benefactor, but was, on the contrary, a public menace.

The magistrate refused the application.

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Government Appointments

The following appointments, promotions, transfers and postings have been made or approved, the Gazette notified this morning:—

Mr W. R. K. Collings, Senior Surveyor of Ships, to be Assistant Director of Marine (Ship Surveys).

Mr Justice T. J. Gould, Senior Puisne Judge, has resumed duty; Mr Justice C. W. Reece, Puisne Judge, ceased to act as Senior Puisne Judge on resumption of duty by Mr Justice Gould; Judge A. D. Scholes, District Judge, ceased to act as Puisne Judge on resumption of duty by Mr Justice Reece; Mr K. R. Macfee, Magistrate, ceased to act as District Judge on resumption of duty by Judge Scholes.

Dr J. Gray, Medical Officer, ceased to act as Surgical Specialist on proceeding on leave prior to completion of contract.

Mr R. J. Hardy, Deputy Registrar of Trade Unions, to be Acting Registrar of Trade Unions, vice Mr H. J. Cruttwell, who is on leave.

Mr Alexander Fearn Cochrane to be an official Justice of Peace.

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REAPPOINTED

The Gazette notified this morning that the following have been reappointed to be members of the Marketing Advisory Board for a period of one year:

Mr Kenneth Lo Tak-cheung, Mr Chan Sin, Lt-Col H. Owen-Hughes and the Rev. Father K. O'Dwyer.

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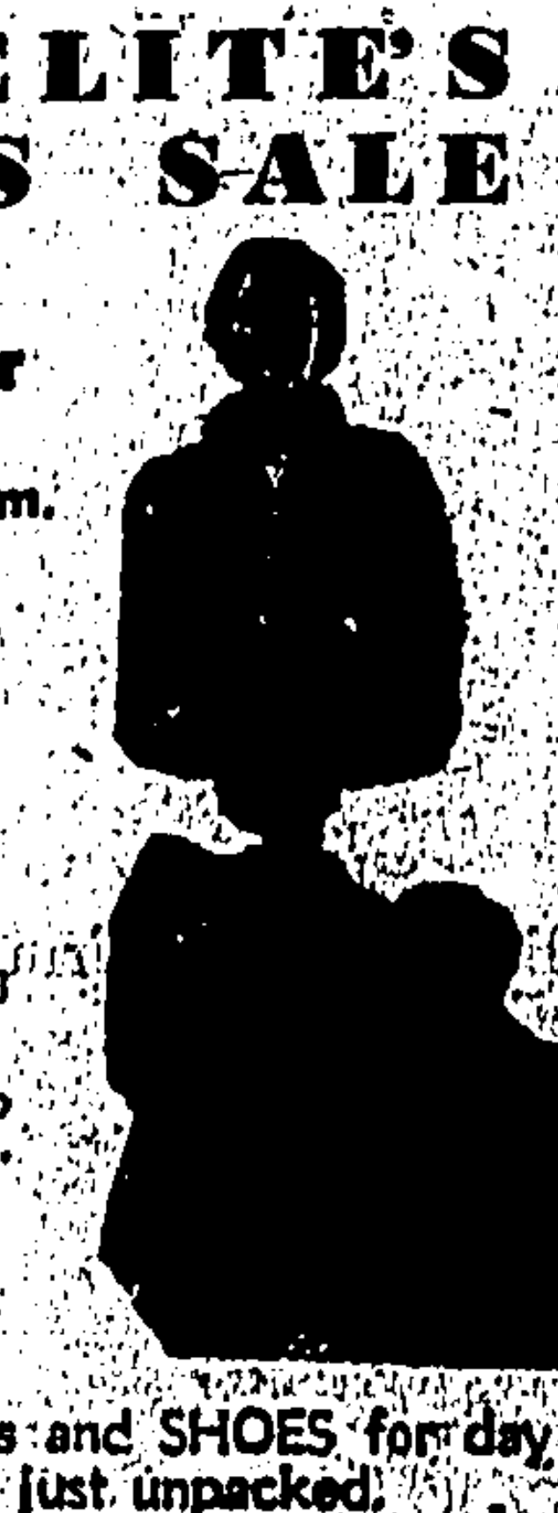

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